THE ARMOURER OF MUNSTER. A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF FANATICISM.

(Continued.) the noblest cause. The fanaticism of the citizens | festival was over, and the revellers were about to | ing pity, were felt like a beavy weight in the atmade them endure with exemplary patience the seck their several apartments. The officers of the mosphere. Even the soldiers, chilled by suffering savage cruelties of their king and the horrors of household, the ladies in waiting, and the queens and privation, stern from the cold-blooded duties

arrears. From clamor they broke out into vio- antechamber. As the hour drew nigh he began to upon her own outstretched arms. The king gazed only by measures of the utmost severity. Count | Suddenly a door on the right hand opened, and | ed in his eyes; he had disengaged his hands from | Oberstein was doubtful of the fidelity of such a flare of light flashed into the corridor. It came the clambering grasp of his victim, and tossing to day that the city would be compelled to cast ber but too well. It was Elise!

leaves of trees, bark, and grass, were sought for and bending her head slightly, with wonderful and fought for with wolfish eagerness Wherever self-composure she said,--the king appeared he saw men pale and wasted, "How, Colonel Kippenbrock-how came you with gaunt long hands and hungry eyes, pressing | here at this hour?" round him with cries for bread, and insane demands for a miraculous deliverance. Their faith was still firm even in death. In vain the prince- ceremony, "that my duty commands me to watch bishop summoned the town to surrender, promis- over the safety of the king." ing an amnesty to all except Johannes and his principal prophets. In vain the Landgrave of eyes met. With a low, faint sigh, she raised her Hesse implored the Lutherans who had joined the | white hand to her brow, and murmuring in a The voice of the prophet-king still seemed "I wish you a peaceful watch, Colonel," she king. But the motion had been observed by one schismatic Church to return to their old and saving | scarcely audible voice,to his deluded followers the voice of God; and | turned towards the king's apartments. events were going on, the eight-and-twenty mis- tain was hastily drawn over the doorway by the the hand of lieaven's minister. Join with me, sionaries had arrived at their respective destina- Trabants, who quietly resumed their places in brethren, in chanting the Hallelujah!" tions, with fanatical enthusiasm. But the local large easy chairs by the door. authorities, warned by the fate of Munster, were Franz paced the gallery with agitated steps. every where prepared to take decisive steps for the All his hatred for the king, all his desire for re- fearful discord of the sacred song. Johannes suppression of this dangerous crusade. The itin- venge, was aroused with tenfold fury. He thought | whirled Queen Gertrude round and round in a erant prophets, with few exceptions were seized of Taiskoschirer's nightly visit, and he almost reand examined touching their dogmata; and as all gretted he had withstood the temptations of the whole congregation followed his example, till the alike persisted in claiming prophetic authority, demon. At that moment a door opened on the market-place exhibited a scene of delirious riot. they were executed with all possible despatch .- left hand, discovering a passage corresponding Amongst the few who escaped was one named with that from whence Elise had issued. A faint for the Trabants to form. There was a call for Heinrich Helversum, who had fallen into the hands | gleam of light shone from the farther end from a | the colonel. They looked for him in vain. He of the prince-bishop. He purchased his life by half-opened door. This was the signal. Franz was already gone. undertaking to betray the town. The compact stepped lightly along the passage and through the was not creditable to either party; but the mo- half-opened door. It closed upon him as he enment was critical, and justified to some extent the | tered. Gertrude stood before him, and by her employment of sinister means. Heinrich Helver- side the tempter Taiskoschirer. sum, to do him justice, accomplished his task with | What took place at that interview tested the fearlessness and discretion. He went at once courage and honor of Franz severely, but his conopenly to Johannes, and, putting a hold face upon science triumphed over temptation. In vain the the matter, announced to him that his deliverance queen and her evil advicer urged the means, was effected by supernatural interposition. He which lay securely before them, of relieving said, that on the night of his condemnation to themselves of the presence of the king. His own death he sat praying and awaiting his last hour, passions, rendered more turbulent than ever by when an angel suddenly appeared to him and com- | the scene he had previously witnessed, worked |

to raise the siege of Zion. with open arms, took him into his palace, and en- deal through which he had passed, he stood as a trusted him with enormous sums and valuables to usual in the king's antercom awaiting his orders aid in purchasing assistance; while, by his advice, | for the day. he sent two prophets Johann von Kemper and Johann von Geelan, to comple the conversion of Kreckling, the provost of the city, a ferocious the powerful city of Amsterdam. Helversum took | zealot, and a worthy disciple of Johannes. He the money, and that same night returned to the was followed by his guard of mercenaries, in camp of the bishop, but not until he had posted whose custody Franz perceived the two pages of up in all the public places a proclamation calling the prince-bishop, who had for so many months on the people to abandon the imposter, Jan Bock- endured captivity in the household of the king.

This proclamation had a fatal influence upon | committed?" inquired Franz. prestige of his inspired mission, which gave him Kreckling; "they were about to flee to the camp]) MALCOM & CO., such extraordinary ascendency over the mass of of the priest of Basl. Colonel, announce my the people. Those who yet possessed the least name to the king." particle of common sense, having their eyes thus | "We were so hungry!" cried the poor children. opened, saw at once the enormity of the delusion under which they had hitherto been labouring, pass it over in silence. If you denounce the chiland every day some new conspiracy for the admis- dren to the king, you send them to the block. I | sion of the emissaties of the besieger was detected | will not bring their blood upon my soul." by the officers of the king; but, although a ma- Kreckling scowled at the colonel, and without jority of the citizens were thus detached from his reply entered the royal hed-room. In the next cause, a strong party still adhered to him-strong | moment he called his men to bring the hoys bein their superstition, their zeal, and their resent- fore the king. There was much confused and ments. The more violent fanatics still believed loud speaking of angry voices. in him. By their support he was yet enabled to | "They shall diel" exclaimed the deep and terricontrol the populace, and by the terrors of his ble voice of the king. ruthless rengeance he ret contrived to maintain his despotic sway in the imperial city.

XXV.—THE ASSIGNATION. and although his hatred of the king had under- to pardon them!" gone no abatement, he continued to discharge his duties with fidelity. Perhaps the very perils in which the king was placed, rendered him the more to ask a boon at your hands? Do not stain with watchful and devoted. On the other hand, the the innocent blood of children those hands which king recognized and rewarded his zeal by show- have so lately clasped mine in fundaces and tender ing him further marks of favour, and admitting emotion. I beseech you pardon them; it would him constantly to the private circles of the court. be a great crime-a horrible sacrifice-a murder. This habitual intimacy with the king's family Oh, God, if you take their young lives, how! threw him into f. equent intercourse with the beau- could I again endure the sacrilegious touch of tiful Gertrude. Openly they dared not overstep those clotted fingers!" the ceremonious forms of the court. But Franz A sharp and thrilling scream of agony was the could not forget the sleeping whisper of his name; only answer. Franz rushed into the room, imand Gertrude, on her side, wearied of the frac-tional attention which she shared with thirteen rivals, made no effort to conceal the desire she felt upon the floor, writhing in the throes of death.

The king coldly wiped the blood from his new Church liberally accorded to all its members. sword, with a look of fixed and unrelenting ven-It was clear to Franz that she longed to abandon geance in his face. Elize still knelt at his feet. her present position, and to seek happiness in an Suddenly she sprang up. Abborring the cruelty humble destiny, of which he was chosen to be the of her husband, and infuriated by his rejection of

While the streets echoed with the moans of Heaven approves the misery you are inflicting on starving wretches, all was luxury and gorgeous- these deluded people. I believe that God will ness at the palace. The wail of famishing thou- punish thee in this life and the next. My soul sands penetrated not into the halls where Johannes loathes your blood-guiltiness. Nothing can stay endeavoured to bury his terrors in reveley and thy thirst for human life, which you value not,— So ROOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

usual. The dance had already ceased from excess the love and devotion which a credulous faith has of enjoyment; and the king sat apart with Elise, brought to thy feet. Never again will I submit able terms, near and expeditions to thy haveful presence—never? I leave able terms, near and expeditions cheek burn, and her eyes flash with triumph. thee; the Church that has snared me to thy em-Franz, fatigued with pleasures in which his heart braces shall divorce and liberate me!" had no participation, leaned against a pillar near l an open window. As he stood here musing, a the daring woman, and turned pale with dread. soft hand clasped his, and left in his grasp a piece of paper tightly folded together. He turned quickly round, and at the instant Queen Gertrude passed of demoniac rage. rapidly to the supper-room, leaning on the arm of he said. "Divorce! Yes, thou shalt be divorce her partner. Franz hastily went out, and by the light of the great lamp over the entrance-gate of the Julece he read these words .- "The first hour

great gallery." Confounded, and hardly capable of calculating) consequences, he hurried home. Klara was sitting He fancied she had been weeping; but there was diminished by famine and pestilence, were assem-

merely wondered why he was so late. excitement and embarrassment.

light him to his room. and I must return. I merely came home to tell were brightly illuminated by the rising sun. "Indeed," he continued, "it is not over yet, you so, that you might not waste the night in) watching." "Surely this is not the time for your round?")

"Every thing is in confusion," said Franz; "I the ill-fated queen Elise. She was pale with terinquired Klara, anxiously. really must return."

released him from her hold.

that he could scarcely hear the word. and sleep soundly," he answered, stooping to kiss the king, all equally appalled, accompanied her. her brow, a custom which he had latterly introduced. But Klara drew back, and said gently but mournfully,-

of the king formed a circle round him and Elise. "Good-night, Franz." "You are a little fool, dear Klara," be cried, an, women fell to the earth. A shudder ran through easuming an air of business, he left the house. Impatience and curiosity hastened his steps to the crowd. It was plain, as if the purpose of the the palace. He did not suffer himself to speculate executioner had been announced, that a deed of upon the mysterious summons he had received, violence was about to be consummated. nor did be allow himself to feel quite certain by The space round Johannes was clear. The what hand it had been conveyed. He only re- wretched wives of the fanatic formed a circle, prosgarded it as the opening of some strange adventure, trate upon the ground, their heads buried in their which excited all the dormant romance of his hands with an aspect of stricken misery. The sup-Munster beld out with a resolution worthy of daring spirit. When he reached the palace the pressed sob, the stifled groan, the cry of unavail-

famine. In the meanwhile plans were in progress had already retired to their respective suites of to which they had become habituated, were conabroad to reduce the heroic city by a concentra- rooms. The king had returned to his private scious of that nervous sickness which in the face spartments. Franz gave the customary orders to of extreme cruelty will sometimes steal upon the The Diet of Worms, opened by the Roman King | the sentrics, and then took his place in the corri- strongest frame. Ferdinand in April, had voted a large subsidy to dor leading to the king's apartments, which was Elise was crouched at the feet of the king. Her the prince-bishop, but the contributions of the upon the gallery mentioned in his note. He paced fingers with convulsive energy were twisted in his various states of the German League-were so ir- the gallery wrapped up in his watch-cloak, some- robes; her face at one moment was turned upwards regularly paid, that the mercenaries in the bishop's times speaking to the Trabants who sat at each towards him with an imploring ghastly expression camp became clamorous for the payment of the side of the arched doorway leading to the royal of mortal terror, and then fell in other helplessness

troops, and was unwilling to risk the issue of an from a side passage opening by that door into the them abroad in the air, seemed to invoke the atassault with men who had betrayed a spirit so great gallery. A light step was heard, and a tention of the audience. Ilis lips moved, but no mean and selfish. He wisely preferred the policy woman appeared attired in white robes, such as words followed. The whiteness of his face betrayof starvation, and persevered in cutting off every the queens had worn at the festival. She ad- ed the horrible passions that agitated him. There

rapidity. The citizens were reduced to the last and the lamp trembled in her hand. But suddenly flashed in the sunlight—a piercing shrick rang 'llis effective policy wrought its end with fearful | The queen started, and grew as pale as death,) extremity. Carrion from the slaughter-yards, recovering her haughty and commanding mien,

> "Your majesty should remember," said Frant, Litterly, bowing at the same time with serenstic

Elise looked at him for a moment, and their

nounced to them a glorious deliverance so soon as enter. By the light within, Franz saw Johannes "Madman! not now!" the trials they were suffering should have separa- rising from his writing-desk, and seizing her hand ted the dross from the gold—the true saints from with a lover's eagerness. He saw yet more. to the congregation, and resuming his usual ferm the weak and vacillating. In evidence of his re- Elise seated herself by the king's side on a heap cious calmness exclaimed, "The doom was just. Hance upon his result, he resorted to the most of cushions, and while with one hand he con- The decreased queen committed blasphemy—she daring acts. The emissaries of the hishop were tinued to write, the other played with her hair blasphened the Holy Spirit incarnated in the perhung over the gates of the city, and the envoy of until she pressed it to her lips. Fortunately, this son of her king and consort. Her down was prothe landgrave refused admittance. While these galling sight continued but a moment. The cur- nonneed by a voice from Heaven, and executed by

manded him to proclaim to the king and the peo- fiercely upon him; but he withstood the suggesple that Amsterdam, Wesel, and Deventer had tions of vengeance, and placing his final resolutaken arms and were even then organising forces | tion clearly and firmly before 'the queen, he left | her to the bad counsels of the fiend, who was now This divine intelligence diffused the greatest joy gonding her on to an act of sanguinary violence. through the city. The king received Helversum | The next morning, calmed and purified by the or-

> The first person who craved audience was "What crime can these poor children have

"I caught them on the outworks," replied

"My lord-provost," said Franz, "you can well

The children wept and and prayed for pardon in piercing accents of terror. "Johannes," cried an imploring voice, which

Franz gratefully recognized as that of Elise, "Jo-Franz still held his commission in the Guards; hannes, for my sake—for our love—I implore you "Silence!" roured Johannes. "No, I will not be silent. Am I not privileged

minister. He saw this, and shrank from it; but her petition, the proud woman cast upon him a circumstances conspired to keep him within her look of mortal hatred and acorn.

"I do not believe," she said, slowly, "that thy contempt for mercy, of which you know not One night the carouse had been more gay than the holy sweetness,—thy heartless indifference to

Kreckling, hardened as he was, trembled for)

ed!" Then turning to Franz, he continued-"Command the attendance of my consorts, and of my whole court and household, in the marketafter midnight...the first door on the left in the place. You, Colonel Kippenbrock, with your guards, await me with them there." XXVII.—THE CROWNING SACRIFICE.

The congregation of the faithful, now wofully no reproach upon her lips or in her eye. She bled in the market-place. A fearful silence brooded over the multitude. It was suddenly broken "The festival lasted longer than usual," said by the blast of a distant trumpet. Then nearer Franz, as he arranged the waving plumes of his and louder, the solemn notes of the Dead March relvet cap in a manner which at once betrayed pealed through the morning air. Hanslein, the third duke, with his regiment of mercenaries, Klara lighted a lamp, and offered it to him to marched into the place, and formed on three sides of a hollow square under the towers of St, Lambert, whose rich carvings and painted windows JOHN T. WATKINS,

The procession appeared. The band, which I still played the Dead March, was followed by Franz at the head of his troop of Trabants. Then came the king attended by the provost. ror; her step tottered as she advanced; her form She took his hand and looked at him earnestly, was scarcely reiled by the white folds of her night C then with a sigh turned away, and her little hand dress; her feet were bare; and her long black hair streamed in disorder over her shoulders .-- , "Beware!" she said, with a voice so tremulous The queen Gertrude, her cheek blanched, and her once haughty brow contracted by agony and fear, "You are dreaming, dear Klara. Go to bed, followed her unhappy rival. The other wives of COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, A troop of Trabants closed the procession.

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DROPOSALS FOR PRINTING POSTOFFICE

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The attention of bilders is directed to the following provi

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Norther 9. The Postmenter General shall contract for the pub-

cost. Nothing shall be allowed for altering the name of a Post.

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the same," and addressed to the Chief of the Appadatment Bu-

DROPOSALS FOR WRAPPING PAPER.

TWINE AND REALINGWAX.

SEALED PROPOSALR will be received at this Department

while he day of Mar west, at 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing | WRAPPING PAPER, TWINE and SKALING WAX for the ;

use of the Post Offices of the Confederate States, for four years

wild articles are to be delivered, free of expense, at this Depart.

ment. The entirement quantity of each article, and the quality

thereof, required yearly, is an follows:
2.33) reams Manilla Wingquing Paper, 30 by 25 inches in size.

and to weigh med less than 24 pounds to the ream, and each ream

to contain 20 perfect quires; 10 reams of the same kind of Paper

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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this department

until the first day of May near, until 12 o'climb, M., for farming

RATING STAMPS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

MORTGOVERT, March 27th, 1961.

JOHN H. REAGAN,

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from and after the date of the execution of the contract. The

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

PORT OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

MORTGORART, March 27th, 1961.

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with Proposals for printing Postoffice blanks, and paper

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office, not exceeding the following rates: For composition,

cluding rule and figure work, per 1,000 ema, fifty cents;

tund bills and other blanks commeted with

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,

MONTGONARY, March Zith, 1961.

I. BLANKS AND PAPER FOR THE SAME.

ter the date of the contract, the festivating blanks, viz:

JOHN H. KEAGAN.

Craftderate States of America

Fundament General

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Post Bills, In on a sheet.

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Models of the stamps must accompany the proposition. Each belief must furnish with his programm's existence of his ability to comply with his bid. studictions aurities will be required to a contract, and the stamps much be delivered at this department at the expenses of with "Frequencie for Postutive Marking Stamps," and addressed to the "Chief of the Appetatement Burent," Medicaters, Ala. JULIE II. KRAGAN. Pustmaster General

DROPOSALS FOR MAIL LUCKS AND KEYS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Mustcounty, March 27th, 1961 ment until 12 o'theck M., the let day or May next, for futulab. ing for from yours from the date of contract, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the party. antrice of the Confederate States, MAIL LUCKS of the tollow-I hag description, with KKYH in tripliente, viz:

Brand Mall Limba, with Koye of the serve mortal. The Locks and Keys west he of emperior manufacture, and durability, and fromton from Lability to get not of order, and mad be promptly delivered to the department without ade. thomat anyones to the government. Kark Mad I was and former must be stamped then: "C. N. Mail." Bidders are required to furnish samples of Lorks and Keyn. and satisfactory explance of their ability to exercise their contrack in most their proposal be accepted. The complete track be delivered at this department on ar netter the list day oil May nost, and there is high shall have assemptative the necessard from proceds will, in consection with each proposals, form the bush of the engitted to be made. A dordains on the tota will be made on or before the fitth day May next, and the assessed tedder or believe will be to adjust in smer into constant with anticems and and securities on or before the Lit day of July next. Middeen will make the eastern period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the article bod for, in the event of the All the articles contracted for are to be delived at the expense construct bring awarded to them, as it will have no important of the contracture, to Charleston, H. C.; Surunnah, Sa.; Mobile, bracing upon the neards. But hale will not be exectained which as a period beyond the lot of July for the delivery of

The number of the different kinds on Mail Lorks and Keys which militerdaids he required has been estimated at Little of the Brane Londs and Quitret the Irea, with triplente Keye for the cause number, but the Poulmenter General resettes the terms to increase or diminish the number of each kind, according to the extrement of the fendal persue, whhose change in the crus of surgify or delivers. The Proposale should be addressed "Chief of Contract Bu read," Possonie Department, Montgomery, Ala op 224

DROPOSALS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS. CONFRORMATIC STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

MOSTGORLEY, March Jill, Lott. REALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 3 o riock, P. M., or the lot day of May west, for furnishing for the our of the Pintellier in the Considerate Pintelle Indiana stamps, of the descriptions of Z.A. H and 28 rests. The probage scamps, must be performed around their other, and well gammed, but up in packages of him above each, and delivered to the l'apariment fire of charge, and in such quantithre as may be required to bit the orders of professors. Proposale are also tartied for turnship stranburd better. for parking purrels of juntage starspe of troop 100 to 30) sheets carle, and of the boson of equal capacity, by he delivered at the Department. The does for embounding the protogo state part to I he exercised to the less eight, and they are to be provided to memod, and kere to meder at the expense or the continuent. Bond and security will be required for the faithful perform now of the restract, and juyment will be made quarterly. Burk hidder mean autions samples of the produce stamps proprood to be turnished, and also turned estdence of his atility to comply with his tell. The year, quality of manifes and the outstract of the bister will be considered together in a warding the pretract, and the l'outmouter (inneral receture to himself the right to annul it a benever he shall discover that the same. or any part of it, is referred for asia to the nurket for the purpose of sports and are will in me case searches a transfer of the I required to any party who shall be, to has missens, iros able and qualities than the original beider or contractor. The right to also reserved to annul the contract for a fallure to perform takhfully usy of the ety-ulations. Butlers will state the earliest paried at which they will be I able to turnish supplies of the arthries bid for, in the ereat of mattl the lot day of May nest, until 12 M., for furnishing for the which as a person beyond the lat of July nest for the delivery

> The bids should be marked "Prejumie for Pestage Stampa," and addressed "Chief of the Flancer Bureau," Postulion Department, Montgomery, Ale. JOHN H. REAUAN. Postmenter tieneral DROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES.

CHINFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT. MONTGORERY, Marrh Z., 1961. BEALED PROPUSALS will be received at this Desertment matil 3 o'clock P. M. of the lat day of May west her furnishing all the stamped expringes this Desartment may require for a No. 1, or soon also, 1% by 4% inches of white paper No. 2, or letter size, Sig by Sig Inches, of bull or white juper, W in such proquettions of either as may be required, No. 3, or official size, 3% by 8% lucture, of built or white paper, for in such proportions of either as may be required. press work, per clean when (the shrets and to be less than 16

Proposale are also mercal for furnishing NTRAW BOARD IXEN, for pucking parrels of entriopes of RO to SO rack, and for WOODE'S CASKS, for pucking perceis of 10,000 to 25,000. The envelopes to be made in the trut manner, of paper of approved quality, manufactured specially for the purpose, and batting such water much and the Punishmeter General may direct They must be gummed for senting, at least 234 tuckes on the point, busided in parreis of 25, Inchest without charge for park. I ing, and furnished eventions and ready for use, in such quantities as may be required to fill the orders of positionters As agent of the department will furnish the address for each parcel, which is to be pasted on the loss by the manufacturer The dies for embineing the postage stamps on the envelopes tre to be executed in the best style, and they are to be protided, renewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Bulders are requested to furnish careples of paper, with their bits, of the quality they insend to use in the manufacture of the envelopes they propose to furnish. Bonds and security will be required for the fatthful performance of the contract, and payments under it will be made quar-Price, quality of accepted, and the sufficiency of the will in its practical results be must advantageous to the depart. billier, will be committeed, together in awarding the eastruct. and the Postmaster General reserves to himself the right to Builders will state the curitest period at which they will be amount it whenever be abail discover that the same, or any part able to furnish supplies of the arricles bid for, in the event of of it, is offered for mile in the market for the purpose of specuthe contract being awarded to them, as it will have an impor- lation; and he will, in no case, sametice a transfer of the content bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained | tract to any party who shall be, in his opinion, less and which as a period beyond the lat July next for the delivery of | qualified than the original bedder or continuous. The right to also reserved to annul the contract for a failure to perform faithfully any of its supulations. Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles but for the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an import

blanks are to be delivered at the department at the expense of ant hearing along the award. But but will not be entertained which tix a period beyond the lat of July next for the delivery All stanced sureloges that may be required by the department to fill the orders of Postrausters are to the promptly delivered at this department without additional charge. The rates of puntage to be stateled upon the excelepes are two cents. Dre tents, ten cents, and twenty cents The bade abouted be marked, "I represed for Stamped Enrel open," and addressed to the "Their of the Finance Burrau," Postoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala. IOILN II. REAGAN Protonanter tieneral.

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