THE ARMOURER OF MUNSTER. T 20 THE A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF FARATICISM. (Concluded.)

"XXVIII.-THE RESCUE. stranger, whose features were so concealed by the darkness, which led meanderingly up the breast- hands of the enemy, he plunged, sword in hand, to broad leaf of a huge hat drawn tightly down over works. The stranger advanced first. He was into the thick of the fight, and fell more nobly h bis forehead, that it was impossible to obtain a followed by Franz and Klara, Hanslein being close than he had lived. The Governor Knipperdolling distinct view of his face. The precipitation with to the rear. The track was steep and difficult, and Provide Kreckling were not to be found. ... The which Franz was forced from the scene of the as- and they crept on all-fours, pausing at intervals to shattered remnant of the Anabaptists, hopeless and AT 74 sassination deprived him of all capacity of clearly listen for the tread of the sentries above. But all exhausted, flung away their arms, fell on their fixing the events that were passing about him. In was still. At last they reached the beights, and knees, and begged for quarter. It was granted to vain he struggled to release himself from the giant | had scarcely gained the summit when the stranger | them. strength which held him like an infant in its suddenly stopped and stretched himself flat upon grasp. In vain he called aloud for succor, and the ground. The motion was instantly imitated protested vengeance: the stranger only hurried on by his companions." They listened again. A the faster, and uttering occasional objurations on measured foot-fall was heard pacing up and down.

the room, we many remarkable as well as your were taking a more distant round. The oppor- destroyed my people?" own: 10 rush upon the mount in the feet | tude. Without raising himself from his prostrate | sible to thee. To Him I serve on high alone am I | 1N ADVANCE OF THE | this guards and his fanatics—you would have been | tude. Without raising himself from his prostrate | sible to thee. To Him I serve on high alone am I | 1N ADVANCE OF THE | annihilated on the spot, trampled under the feet position, he clambered over the irregular fortificaof a thousand maniacs. Where is thy reason? tion, dropped upon the shelving bank at the would that have been rengeance? Let me think other side. This was a fearful venture for better of you; give me your hand in pledge that | Klara, but Franz was at her side, and inspired you will not attempt this fruitless violence, but her with courage. The task was achieved, that you will take wiser and safer measures of ret- however, in safety, but not without a shock which ribution. Your hand," he thundered aloud; "you forced a sudden cry of terror from her as she slipt owe your life to me; refuse, and then denounce me | from the wall. In a moment more a light glanced } to these demon prophets."

of mingled rage and consternation. to use her influence with him for instant flight. startled by the report of matchlocks, and a hourse "The town can no longer be kept. It will fall a voice challenged; prey to discord within and vengeance from without: Franz's life is forfeited by the desertion of his post-this house is no longer safe for either of 1 i will safe you; implicitly follow my instructions, and before to-morrow's dawn you will be bejond the reach of danger; hesitate and all)

is lost." There was a loud trampling and murmur of voices pealing through the street. Franz eat in an attitude of hopeless unconsciousness, gazing)

vacantly at his preserver. ramparts!" and hastening Franz to the garden divine, wearing a long black gown and broad hat. behind the house, in a few moments the little party the town, under the shadow of the fortifications. filled with a wild mob of soldiers and burghers, recognizing the pastor he had formerly encounyelling out the name of the armourer. XXIX.-THE FUGITIVES.

In a lonely hovel, sprawling in a hollow under i the walls, close to the gate by which Franz had entered Munster on his return from his apprenticeship travels, the fugitives found themselves on the evening of that day. The place was anomal to the stranger, and the decrept old man who appeared to be its only tenant was evidently in his peared to be its only tenant was evidently in his state of the city, and means of assault he had state of the city and means of assault he had state of the city and means of assault he had state of the city and the means of punishing this grant of the city and t evening of that day. The place was known to Hanslein, who had purchased his indemnity and Klara to a place of refuge; but he refused to him on the spot a command in the approaching blood. I dare not accept it."

furnish any other explanations. As the twilight darkened over the two, the ing that he desired nothing more than protection stranger, who was constantly on the watch in and for Klara, and an opportunity of re-entering Munout of the miserable room in which they were concerted, handed Klara a small bundle. 'This," the last act of retributive justice descended on the said he, "contains a disguise—the dress of a pea- head of the monster Johannes. sant boy; it is necessary that you should change "But," he added, "I would crave leave to make your costume. No words, but hasten your toilet, one stipulation,—that the innocent shall be disthat we may be prepared for emergencies." His tinguished from the guilty, and that an amnesty manner was dominant, and, even had she been may be extended to all who are willing to subdisposed to question him, she felt it would have mit." been useless. In a few minutes her toilet was completed in an adjoining nook, for it could scarcely] be called a chamber, and when she returned, the "with the exception of Johannes and the chiefs,

stranger declared that she became her new character admirably. It was now deepening into night. A rustle was heard without, followed by a low whifiling sound. present who owes me an explanation, which he The stranger started to his feet, and carefully opening the door, admitted the fourth person into

"Hanslein !" exclaimed Franz. "Ay-safe, thanks to a little more self-control than you displayed this morning," replied Hans-" "Why if you had your own way, the incarnate devils about us would have torn you to pieces. You are saved for better things."

falling upon the council while they were at fest lars now, but my knowledge of the place and the death. With two of his brother prophets, he tival in the Rath-haus, a frightful slaughter ensued, and the Ausbaptists were besten. Kempen, who allowed me to make use of; and it was at his inhad named himself Bishop of Amsterdam, was hanged; and Geelan mounted the tower of the lath-haus, and offered himself a target the mark of lath-haus, and offered himself a target the mark of to save yours in return. I knew all about your to save yours in return. the men, who soon brought him down dead on the fatal attachment, and saw clearly enough how it There fell the last hope of the fana-"To-night?" said the stranger, In a low voice !

to Hanslein. "Within an hour," returned the other.

"The time of action has come," said the stran-) ger, raising his voice, "our plan is taken; we have discovered the means of escape. I will not press attention.

"I am bound to you," said Franz, "and will mitted to the council. indiscretion would destroy us all." follow you trustfully. I see the folly which, in see it now, but I reserve the right of a more de- the horrors of a seige, summoned the leaders to) liberate and complete revenge for another oppor- surrender, promising an amnesty to all who should

Half an hour elapsed, during which Hanslein trance into the town; and Orator Rothman audaand the stranger were engaged in conversation ciously sent the prince-bishop a paraphrase of that apart. Franz had made many attempts to draw part of the Book of Daniel which contains a desfrom the stranger some particulars concerning cription of the four beasts. The last chance of himself and his objects, but in vain. There was mercy was now cast away for ever. a studious reserve in his communications which On the 13th of June, 1535, the free city was it was useless to besiege with questions. Hanslein stormed by the imperial troops. In the night was equally mysterious; and, for the first time Hanslein led five hundred volunteers, forming the during his acquaintance with Franz, appeared to | "forlorne hope," through the unguarded passes of act with an evasiveness that sat uneasily on the | the most and outworks to a forgotton postern.

natural frankness of his character. light, before the moon had risen. The stranger rendered desperate by despuir and the fury of a sile warner, or file weaver of RAVELOE,

track, step by step. But not a word must be ut- streets of the old city. At last Hanslein cut his tered. Crouch low, and move softly. If there way to the nearest gate, where Count Oberstein, LIFE AND CAREER OF MAJOR ANDRE, be danger, it will be of our own making. Within | with the elite of the army, guided by Franz, awaitthree quarters of an hour the sentrics will be ed him. The gates were flung open, and with a MACAULAY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND, changed; we must get past the gates before that | wild hurran the troops poured into the city. But | time, for fresh sentries are watchful and vigilant. | the victory was not yet won. From street to street The poor wretches on duty now are in all likeli- from house to house, the Anahaptists retreated, hood worn out with fatigue, and dropping saleep fighting furiously as famished tigers, and selling at their posts. Hush!"

His hand was on the door, when Franz inter- market-place. Johannes was there, mounted on TRUMPS, They held their breath and listened.

your Intentions? You refuse to tell me your blood, and gave a fresh advantage to the soldiers name or quality. I tell you plainly that, although of the empire. Franz kept close to Gount Ober I do not doubt you, this mystery shakes my con- stein, but had not yet drawn his sword. But

fidence." "I have no suspicions, but it is reasonable that, followers, a wild rage seized him.

you. I have provided you with a brace of pistols; Deeming the monster unworthy of his yet unkeep behind me, and use them if I betray you. stained blade, he struck him with his unsheathed as mean

disturbed your perves. Be slient, and follow me." upon the saddle-bow stunned and senseless. They crept out of the bovel, and, gliding under ticipated. The sentries, overcome by watching

rather than impelled by the herculean grasp of a fugitives reached a footpath, hardly visible in the taken, and, determined not to fall alive into the

his folly, commanded him on his life's peril to so close upon them that it seemed if they had adkeep silence. At last they reached the house. ... | vanced a lew yards further in that direction they "Madman!" cried the stranger, as, bursting into must have fallen into the hands of the guard. from the height they had just quitted, but it was

too faint to penetrate the gloom below; and the "Then why hesitate?" returned the other; fugitives were already rapidly descending into "there is not a second to be lost. They will be the most when a shot rang in their ears. It was upon you here even while we are speaking, and fired at random, probably to alarm the sentries. we must not be seen together. Your hand and Wading now through the shallowest part of the Klara had witnessed this brief scene with won- giving for their escape. Not a word was spoken, der and terror; when the stranger turning to her for their hearts heat high with excitement, and revealed in a few words what had happened, and they walked rapidly forward towards the distant besought her, for her own sake and that of Franz, fires of the bishop's camp. Suddenly they were

"Who goes there?" "Friends," replied the stranger. "The watch-word?" repeated the voice. "One, two, three!" returned the stranger. in the next moment they were surrounded by a patrol of the bishop's soldiers, who were going

XXX .-- EXPLANATIONS.

The short summer night was gone, and it was a daybreak before the fugitives were admitted to the tent of the General Count Oberstein. As they him from the chair. 'To the ramparts—to the entered the first person they met was a Lutheran | "At length I meet you again," he said, seizing

narrow way which led towards a deserted part of Franz's hand with a cordial grasp. "Welcome "Doctor Fabricius!" exclaimed Franz, joyfully

"You have received our faith once more, my son?" said the doctor. "With my whole heart," returned Franz.

The conversation was interrupted by the arri val of Count Oberstein and his staff. The story of the escape was soon told, and]. attack. But Franz declined the honour, declar-

"The Diet of Worms has already secured the amnesty you seek," replied Count ()berstein; and such stubborn fanatics as we may take with

arms in their hands." "One word more," said Franz; "there is one ! will now consider it my due to receive."

The stranger stepped forward. "You shall have it cheerfully," he exclaimed. 1 "Have you forgotten the rough fellow who intertrupted you in the streets one morning, on your way home from the butcheries in the market-

"I had my suspicions," said Franz, "that my last time. preserver of yesterday and that rough fellow were

was likely to end. But no more of that. We

have other business on hand." It was, indeed, no time for explanation. The camp was in motion on all sides; and the surprise with which Franz received this account of the risk his deliverer had incurred on his account was

cling to the creed of these savages."

"I abandon it forever," said Franz, solemnly.
"But I expect," continued the other, "that you will place yourself implicitly in my hands until we are all safe beyond these walls. The slightest indiscretion would destroy us all."

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XXXI.—THE STORMING OF THE CITY. Count Oberstein, still hoping to spare the city throw themselves on the mercy of the imperial offi-"And I will help you to it," said the stranger. | cers. But Johannes refused the flag of truce en-

was broken in; and the sentries, wherever they 1 The time approached for their departure. It offered resistance, were cut to pieces. The storm-"Now," he whispered to his companions, "for conflict lasted upwards of an hour in the darkness Assumer rotate to Labraton Ref. our adventure. Keep close by me. I know the of the night, and among the narrow, winding CURRENTS AND COUNTER CURRENTS, every pace they yielded for the blood of Oberstein's There was a slight whizzing sound outside. bravest soldiers. Driven from the streets, the last THE ALCHETMIST,

of the fanatic horde rallied for a final effort in the his dark-gray horse, which had been fed while, "It was the wind," said the stranger, "follow hundreds of men had died of hunger. There the sanguinary struggle was renewed. "What security have I," he demanded, "of The morning light dawned on the scene of

have some assurance of our safety."

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then seized him with a violent grasp, and sparred his horse back to the side of Count Überstein.

"There!" said be,; casting his prey at the feet of the darkness, indicated by signs the stillness which | the general, "there is the firebrand that kindled |

fully guarded."

XXXII.—THE FALL OF THE CURTAIN. The prince-bishop held his court in the hall of Dalmen. His councillors sat on either side of, the throne, and Count Oberstein was seated on a lower chair on the right hand of the bishop, beneath the canony of gold.

"In rescue war, "Wadman! Gradually the footsteps retreated, as if the sentry dressing the prisoner, "wherefore hast thou thus, the room, he flung Franz from him; "Madman! Gradually the footsteps retreated, as if the sentry dressing the prisoner, "wherefore hast thou thus,

"What mercy can you hope," demanded the prince, "for the deeds of blood you have commit- ORDERS FOR THE PAPER ted? What reparation can you make for thy most ! monstrous iniquities?"

"Mercy!" returned Johannes. "I neither seek nor will accept it from the hands of man. Repa-I ration! I owe thee none. What I have done is recorded to the glory of Heaven. It is thou who | art indebted to me." "Proud and insolent to the last," said the bishop. "What do you mean by these words of defiance?"

"Thou fled'st from Munster," returned Johan-Wading now through the shallowest part of the mes, and left it behind thee as defenceless as an mosts and ditches beyond the little party at last unwalled town. I have given it fortifications pledge."

"I pledge myself," cried Franz, in a half scream gained the open plain, and, instinctively falling which defy all foes except treachery and famine.

"I pledge myself," cried Franz, in a half scream on their knees, offered up a silent prayer of thanks on their knees, offered up a silent prayer of thanks.

The only injury I have done thee is the ill-gotten. gold I, have caused thee to expend; and if thou THE USUAL DEDUCTION MADE IN FAVOR will hearken to my counsel. I will put thee in the way to gain it back with interest."

"What does he say?" demanded the prince. "Explain yourself, prisoner," said ()berstein. "()h," said Johannes, with an icy smile of de-) rision, "his highness can easily make profit of me! Put me in an iron cage, as Tamerlane did Bajazet, and show me about the land for money. The world will throng to see me, and you will t soon gain back more than the cost of the siege." A general mu: mur of astonishment ran through the assembly at the daring words of the fettered man, whose life hung on the decision of the judge

to whom, he offered this insulting advice. The bishop looked at him for a moment with an expression of surprise and bitterness. "Thou art a prophet," said he, "and it is meet I thy words should be fulfilled. And fulfilled they I shall be. Give the prisoner into the custody of the seneschal of Dalmen, and let him be confined In the condemned cell till further orders be issued. And do thou," he added, turning to Franz, "repair to Munster, and direct the smiths to get ready an iron cage, in which I will manacle this demon.

and show him like a ravening wolf in all the mar-' ket-places of Germany.". With unflinching firmness Jan Bockhold followed Franz forth from the presence-chamber. The prince-bishop dismissed the council, and remained alone with Count Oberstein, until Franz returned to report the committal of his prisoner

to the hands of the seneschal. "You have done well," said the prince; "to)

"Such reward," replied Franz, "were price of IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE LATEST NEW "Will you not continue to serve me in my court or in my army? said the prince. "Your grace must pardon me," replied Franz; "if I may ask a favor, it would be permission to tell my valuables, and to carry the proceeds to

my future home." "Then you leave my territory?" said the bishop. "I will get him a captaincy in the Elector of Sazony's army," said Uberstein, destrous of sof- ORDERS FOR THE PAPER tening the harshness of Franz's refusal:

"Your pardon again, my lord-count," said) Franz; "I have seen the madness of ambition, when I only sought to do good, and henceforth, my sole happiness shall be in an humble home. sweetened by peace and domestic love." "Would I had an hundred subjects like him RECEIVED AT THE

who now abandons me!" exclaimed the bishop, while he laid his hand on the hand on the head of the heretic and blessed him fervently. "May lieaven bless and guard your grace!". said Franz, as he knelt and kissed the bishop's

The armourer rose from his knees, and making THE USUAL DEDUCTION MADE IN FAVO. an obeisance to Count Oberstein, left the presence of the haughty but unhappy prince bishop for the

After an interval of a few months, Franz and "The news—the news?" cried the stranger impatiently.

"The game is up," said Hanslein; "famine is decimating the garrison. All prospect of relief from without is at an end. In Friesland, at Bolswart, the Anabaptists mustered in great force, but the whole garrison was cut to shreds. At Amster the garrison was cut to shreds the garrison of the outrage offered to the good to the cathedral of St. Lambart Klara were united in the cathedral of St. Lambart the was military to the same."

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CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MONTGONERT, MATCH TILE, 1961. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department WRAPPING PAPER, TWINE and SKALING-WAX for the use of the l'out () Sices of the Confederate States, for four years from and after the date of the execution of the contract. The mid articles are to be delivered, free of expense, at this Department. The retimated quantity of such article, and the quality thereof, required yearly, is as follows: 2.30 reams Manilla Wraffing Paper, 30 by 25 inches in size, and to welch not less than 24 pounds to the ream, and each ream to contain 20 perfect quires; le trame of the sense kind of l'aper 26 by 33 inches in size, and to weigh not less than 34 pounds to 3,000 pounds Cotton Twine, 4 strands, hard twinted, and in balls to weigh I pound each; but pounds of the same kind of a Twine, un specie, such spoul to weigh from 1% to 2 munds. 2.000 pounds of course liemp Twine, about 4 of an inch in dumeter, well twisted, and in balls or hanks weighing from 1% 150 pounds of Scarles Scaling Wax, of good quality, for ordi-Propusals will be received for such article separately, or for , the whole. The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder. AT 74 BALTIMORE STREET, NEAR GAY ST.

the best bid to be determined after a careful examination for the purpose of secertaining which ted will, in its practical results, be most advantageous to the department. The l'estmaster General reserves to himself the right to reject any bid where it is apparent that a part of the articles are bid for at a very low and a part at a very high rate, without proper regard to cost of each for the purpose of affecting the aggregate of the bade under the entimate contained in this advertisement. Familes of each article required must accompany the pro-Two sufficient sureties will be required to a sometrack. Fail. IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE LATEST NEWS ures to furnish the articles contracted for promptly, or furnishlag articles inferber to those contracted for, will be considered a sufficient cause for the forfeiture of the contract. Bilders will state the carliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for in the event of the contract being awaided to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But tide will not be entertained which he a period beyond the lit of July Deal for the delivery Of supposes.

Proposale must be marked on the entaide of the envelope with IN ADVANCE OF THE MORNING PAPERS. "S the name of the article or articles proposed for, and the peckage containing the proposals addressed to the "Chief of the Appointment Bureau," Montgomery, Ala.

Pretmader General. ORUPOSALS FOR CIRCULAR MARKING AND RATING STANDS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MONTCONLRY, Narch 27th, 1961. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this department until the first day of May next, until 12 o'clock, M. for furnishing for the postodices of the Confederate States, for four years from the first day of July next, Marking and Rating Stamps of the following descriptions, viz: Class 1. Circular Marking Stamps of sizel, or other metal of equal durability, of a circumference and to exceed 3% inches, but as much less as convenience and grand taste may distate; with the name of the nace and State; with type for the years, months and days, in bleck of like metal, with audicient thumb screws for the same, with handles of Chiena, Mabrignay or other heary wond, of a model most conventent for use. In projuntit for this class of Stamps, the bidder will state the additional charge, per letter or agure, for innerting, while the circle when required, such words and figures as l'aid, l'aid 5 and 10, Ship.

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(Jace 2. Circular Marking Stamps of tree or other material equal thereto, for the use of prototice and route agents on the tallroads and steambout mail lines; with the name of the office and State, or the name of the rathmed or river line; with type for months and dates, in Morks of the same material, with sailable thumb serew, and bandles of black walnut or cherry tree, of a model best adapted for use; the circumserence of the stamp (Rest 2. Circular marking stamps of his wood, or other ma-terials of equal durability, of the same pize as Clies No. in to the same as described in class No. 1. with the mame of the office and State; with type for smathe and days, of printers' type metal, in blocks of single letters and fi-Clear & Marking stamps for fareign mails similar to those Class No. 2. new in the la the Percollege at New York, Philadelphia and

I for the menths and days, or with points to or with other improvements will be espected of. The right to change or alter the style of the stamps described In either class, upon equitable terms, reserved to the Prolimes Proposale will be received for furnishing the whole of the above named circular stamps, or the EACH CLASS separately. Stamps will be ordered for the different classes of effices as cording to such rules and regulations as may bereafter be adop-Models of the stamps must accompany the proposals. Ruch bidder must furnish with his proposals evidence of his ability to comply with his bid. Sufficient surface will be required to a contract, and the slamps must be delivered at this department at the expens with "Proposals for Postotice Marking Stamps," and addressed JUHN H. KRAGAN.

DROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS AND KEYS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Mantoonent, March 27th, 1864. ment wall 12 o'clock M., the lat day of May best, for furnish-T for four years from the date of contract, le such quently cerrire of the Confederate States, MAIL LACKS of the Sal

ing description, with KKYS in triplicate, vis: Brass Mall Lucks, with Keys of the cares metal. The Locks and Keys much be of superior manufacture, and dapted to the arranes, in the committed elements of security and turnbilly, and freedom from Bublitty to get out at order, and wast be premptly delivered to the department without adapthough expense to the government. Each Mail Lock and Key would be planted thus: "C. S. Mail." Budders are required to ferales exceptes of Larks and Keya and milefactory evidence of their ability to execute their contruck, to once their proposal be accepted. The samples much be delivered at this department on or before the lat day of May nest, and those which that! have accompanied the accepted profromle will, in consection with early proposals, form the busin of the contract to be made. A decirlum on the tide will be made on or before the fith day for May nest, and the arrested bidder or Liders will be requited to enter into contract with sufficient bond and recurities on or before the 1st day of July next. Bicders will state the carliers period at which they will h

able to furnish supplies of the attirle but for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bile will not be envertained which ax a period bequest the lat of July for the delivery of The number of the different kinds of Mail Locks and Keys which will probably be required has been estimated at 1,000 of the Brass Lorks and 4,000 of the from, with triplicate Keya for the entire number, but the Postmaster General reserves the right to increase or dissinish the number of each kind, according to the exigencies of the postal service, without change in the cost of supply or delivery. The Proposals should be addressed "Chief of Contract B. read," Pustomes Department, Montgomery, Ala. REAGAN,

TOROPOSALS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MORTSONERY, MARCH Zill, 1881. wat 3 o'clock, P. M., of the let day of May next, for I wratebing stamps, of the decominations of 2, 8, 10 and 20 cents. The produce stamps, must be jertherated around their ode. able to furnish aut plice of the articles hid for in the event of the | and well gummed, put up in packages of his cheets cord. and contract bring awarded to them, as it will have an important bear. | delivered to the Department free of charge, and in ourh quant-Proposale are also invited for furnishing strawboard botten, for packing purcels of postage statups of from 100 to 500 sheets onch, and of the buses of aqual capacity, to be delivered at the Depuriment. The dire for embracing the postage stamps are to be executed in the best style, and they are to be provided, repewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Boad and accurity will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and payment will be made quarterly. Each blider must subuilt samples of the postage stamps proposed to be furnished, and also furnish or idence of his ability to comply with his bid. The price, quality of eamples and the anticiency of the telder will be considered together to awarding the engines, and the Postmanter General reserves to himseld the right to annul it whenever he shall discover that the same, qualified then the original histor or contractor. persure tatibfally any of his stipulations.

or any purt of it, to offered for sale in the market for the purpose of speculation, and he will in no case sancting a transfer of the contract to any party who shall be, to his optimen, loss able and The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a fallure to Bidders will come the curtism period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which the a period beyond the lat of July nest for the delivery The bale should be marked "Proposals for Pustage Stamps," and addressed "Chief of the Finance Bureau," Pustomer Department, Montgomery, Als. JOHN IL REAGAN. Pustmerier General. DROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POSTOYFICE DEPARTMENT. Montgoment, March 27, 1961. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 3 o'clock P. M. of the lat day of May next for turnishing all the stamped envelopes this Department may require for a period of four years, The No. 1, or more stre, 1% by 4% laches of white Jupes No. 2, or letter size, Sig by Sig Inches, of hell or white paper, or in such proportions of eather as may be required. No. 3, or educial size, 3% by 8% inches, of buil or white paper, or in such proportions of ether as may be required. Propusals are also invited for turnishing STRAW BOARD BUXNA, for parking jurcels of envelopes of his is not each, and for WOODEN CASES, for jucking percets of 10,000 is 25,00. The entriopes to be made in the best manner, of paper of approped quality, manufactured specially for the purpose, and having such water marks as the l'outmanter-tieseral nong direct. They must be gummed for eculing, at least Tig inches on the point, bunded in parcels of 21, parked whibout charge for packing, and furnished complete and ready for use, in such quanti-

ties at may be required to all the orders of postmenters. An agent of the department will furnish the address for each parcel, which is to be pasted on the but by the maunfacturer The dies for embouring the postage stamps on the envelopes renewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Bidders are requested to farmish namples of paper, with their this, of the quality they intend to me in the manufacture of the envelopes they propose to furnish Bonds and security will be required for the falthful performance of the contract, and payments under it will be made quarterly. Price, quality of samples, and the sufficiency of the and the Postmaster General reserves to himself the right to tract to any party who shall be, in his opinion, less able and fautifully any of its supulations. Budders will state the carbest period at which they will be able to furnish surgices of the articles bil for, in the event of the contract being an arded to them, as it will here an important bearing upon the award. But bids will not be entertained which at a period beyond the lat of July ment for the delivery All stamped envelopes that may be required by the department to till the orders of l'ostmasters are to be prompell delivered at this department without additional charge. The rules of postage to be simpled upon the envelopes are two cents. Bre cents, ten cents, and twenty cents. The bids should be marked, "Proqueals for Stamped Linvelopes," and addressed to the "Chief of the Finance Bureau,"

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