

The South.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17, 1861.

A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.—Constitution U. S., Amendments, art. 2.

No Soldier shall in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.—Const. U. S., Amendments, art. 3.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrant shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.—Constitution U. S., Amendments, art. 4.

To secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.—Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

It is the duty of every citizen to obey the laws of the land.—Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

That in all cases, and at all times, the military should be under strict subordination to, and control of the civil power.—Declaration of Rights of the People of Maryland, Art. 27.

That no man ought to be taken, or imprisoned, or diseised of his freedom, liberties or privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner destroyed, or deprived of his property, or liberty, but by the judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land.—Declaration of Rights of the People of Maryland, Art. 21.

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THE NEWS.

The great question of the day continues to be—where is General Johnston? Any person possessing the requisite information will be suitably rewarded upon communicating the facts to Lieut. General Scott, at the War Department, Washington, D. C. It is said that General Scott highly disapproves of General Johnston's abandonment of Harper's Ferry. It has disarranged all his plans. Our readers, perhaps, will not have forgotten the sketch of General Scott, as the "great ornament of the Chamber," which we copied from the correspondence of a Chicago paper some time ago—in which the venerable Commander-in-chief—veteran, we should say—was represented reclining upon a sofa, with his gaiter button and rheumatic shoulder sweated in his hands, and pointing out with a long fishing-rod to a group of admiring subalterns, secretaries, politicians and reporters, various positions upon a huge map of the "great War," which hung upon the opposite wall of the chamber. Conspicuous among these places, marked with red ring and a variety of military symbols and hieroglyphics, was the Commander-in-chief and the War Department alone possessed the key—was Harper's Ferry—where General Johnston was known to be with 20,000 men, and where, it was supposed, he would make an obstinate and determined stand. To dislodge the rebels from this stronghold, troops have accordingly been collected at immense expense, and from a great distance, and at a number of points—and all the arrangements made for a grand combined attack, or a complete hedging-in of Johnston's forces, on every side. Colonel Stone was to advance by way of Leesburg; General Patterson from Germantown; General Mott from Cumberland and the West. Imagine, then, the indignation and disgust which we felt at General Johnston's when the news came that General Johnston had left the key of his own record—nay, more, that he never intended to stay there—that for three weeks he had been engaged in collecting means of transport for his troops and material—and that he has gone, nobody exactly knows whether to turn up possibly where his presence is least expected or desired by General Scott. Verily, war is a game that two can play at, and it is possible, that a committee of players, like Davis, Lee, Beauregard and Johnston, may prove more than a match for the "greatest captain of the age." If General Scott had the disposition of the Confederate forces as well as of his own, or if the former would bargain to stay always in the same spot, we do not doubt that the Government would escape many perplexities and embarrassments, of which, at present, it is the victim.

From an intelligent gentleman who is just from Washington, and whose opportunities of observation and general means of information are ample, we learn that that unhappy village is kept in a perpetual state of excitement and perturbation. Not the presence of the Commander-in-chief and all his troops can inspire the least sense of security among the panic-stricken inhabitants, and a feeling of disgust and apprehension, particularly since President Davis' arrival at Richmond, and General Johnston's departure from Harper's Ferry, is observable even in military and official circles. Saturday evening, while a large number of ladies and gentlemen were gathered in the President's Garden, listening to the music of one of the military bands, a rumbling accompaniment of artillery heard from the opposite bank of the Potomac, caused the concert to be abruptly suspended—the musicians hastily clapping their instruments under their arms, and the audience pale with terror, scattering in every direction. Yesterday the town was in a feverish state of anxiety, during the entire day—now it is General Beauregard who was within the miles of Washington—and killed it was Col. Stone who had been routed and killed with six hundred of his men, in the neighborhood of Leesburg, on Saturday evening, when the Confederate troops. This last rumor, we understand, gained great credence, as did also another story to the effect that the United States frigate *Mississippi*, had been captured on the mouth of the Mississippi river, and carried into New Orleans as a prize—How much truth, if any, there is in either or all

of these stories, we probably shall have to wait some time to learn, as the Government has disavowed, in a measure, the suggestion of their system of lying to which it has hitherto resorted, for the suppression of the truth, and more dignified method of deriving the public.

In addition to complaints of short commons and bad fare, the troops begin to grumble at inaction, and the 60th Irish Regiment, in particular, is reported to have become quite mutinous, at the prospect of continued hard labor in the trenches. The men swear that they did not enlist to dig cellars or shovel dirt for "Abe Lincoln or any other man," and demand to be led into action. The extent of the disaster at Great Bethel is carefully concealed from them, and from the entire army—the Government has the Baltimore American affecting to discredit the report that any such battle has taken place.

From Fort Mifflin we have no intelligence of special interest—both officers and passengers yesterday this morning a hoarse shouting, and yesterday this morning a hoarse shouting, and yesterday this morning a hoarse shouting, and yesterday this morning a hoarse shouting.

The English Fleet. The Pilot boat *Coyote*, which came up from the Cape this morning, reports having spoken on Friday last an English ship-of-war, cruising off Cape Henry—she was a large hulk rigged vessel.

The Rhode Island Regiment. From a passenger who left Frederick to-day, we learn that the Rhode Island Artillery Regiment is expected there this evening, on the way to Washington again, orders to that effect having been sent them from the war department, to come there as soon as possible. Our informant also states, as confirmatory of this reported movement, that as the train came down they met a large number of empty cars on the way to Frederick, believed to be designed for their transportation.

Gen. Patterson Complained. Gen. Patterson, who has arrived at Lagerstown with the greater portion of his division, has been placed in a complete quarantine by the movements of Gen. Johnston, and although he was, according to orders, making his way as rapidly as possible towards Harper's Ferry, the mysterious movements of Gen. Johnston have induced him as it is supposed to await further orders before entering Virginia, as it has become so great a matter of uncertainty when, how and by whom his further progress will be disputed. His division consists of some 22,000 men, comprising a large number of regular cavalry and artillery, yet, with this large and well arranged force, Gen. Patterson evidently lacks confidence in his power to take Harper's Ferry, even though it has been evacuated.

The Union Regiment of Western Virginia. Great publicity has been given by the Northern press to the proposed formation of a "Union Regiment in the vicinity of Harperstown and Williamsport, by citizens of Virginia, and it has been represented as an indication of the prevailing sentiment in that part of the State.

A Visit to Harper's Ferry. The special correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* professes to have visited Harper's Ferry, and gives the following statement of what he saw and heard. He says that on Saturday afternoon he crossed to Harper's Ferry in a skiff, and his first object was to aid the escape of a fugitive slave. He says that he saw a man of color, who he supposed to be a fugitive slave, in the hands of a man who he supposed to be a soldier of the Government.

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will give you jurks who will award damages that will soon bring our operations and invasion of right into a practice too costly for us. Above all, spare and kick from around you every lurking scoundrel whom you detect willing to drive-drop upon your conversation, or whom you discover to have been sent from you by Government, to decoy you into the embrace of death.

The only District now in doubt is the 6th, in which the official vote will be necessary to determine whether Harris, States Rights, or Calvert, is elected. The following returns, which we believe to be nearly accurate, elect Harris by a small majority:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Total: Harris 1700, Calvert 1622.

The Commonweath of Virginia, not being one of the United States, the power of the Chief Executive of the nation is not recognized by the Government of this State.

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More Maryland Volunteers in Richmond. The Richmond *Dispatch* of Thursday thus speaks of the organization of two more Maryland companies in that city:

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The course of the Republican press in relation to the action of Governor Jackson, of Missouri, in his unconstitutional and illegal interference with the constitutional rights of States, or that they are determined to drive Lincoln out of the mad career of usurpation until the destruction of our present form of government is completely obliterated.

THE ARMY CLOTHING CONTRACT.—The Grand Jury at Pittsburg, and Mr. Charles M. Neal, of Philadelphia, Agent of the Government, found and were brought hither yesterday morning for sequestration. The funeral discourse was preached in the afternoon by Rev. James M. Hanson, and the burial took place with military honors.

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Mr. Winans' Soup House—An Example to be Imitated. Will you not urge the many benevolent individuals and associations of our city to record the example of our townsmen, the Messrs. Winans, whose daily liberal supply of food from their large and well-arranged Soup House, is not equal to the demand—because the labor of the peaceful artisan no longer finds employment?

The demand has increased daily until now the full capacity of the establishment is not equal to the wants of those who are without food. Eight hundred gallons of soup and more than a thousand loaves of bread are daily distributed, and many apply early for the supply has been exhausted. The applicants are from all parts of the city. On Saturday, June 15th, soup and bread were distributed to 1,535 families, between the hours of 9 and 12, A. M., and 675 persons also fed in the Soup House.

From Havana. The steamer *Karcel*, which has arrived at New York from Havana brings dates from Vera Cruz, Mexico, to the 26th ult. The news generally is unfavorable to the cause of law and order. There was a want of harmony between Congress and the government, and it is asserted that Juárez, despairing of success in his attempts to annihilate the condition of the country, had determined to resign and retire.

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