

## The South.

FROM PORT ROYAL.  
ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORTS CAHAWA AND ROANOKE.

The Government transports Cahawa and Roanoke arrived at New York yesterday morning, from Port Royal, bringing news to the 30th ult., during which time the Roanoke passed the sloop-of-war Cumberland, on a cruise, and the ferry boat Southfield, late of the Staten Island line, bound South.

From the N. Y. Post, of yesterday.  
COMMODORE DUPOINT AT WORK—THE OCCUPATION OF SIACPORT.

The arrival of the Cahawa and Roanoke from Port Royal brings us some interesting particulars of affairs at Port Royal and Beaufort.

Commodore DuPont was evidently preparing for a new strike at the Confederate fortifications we were making at Hilton Head, in the last week of December, for a final demonstration, the details of which cannot be published in full; the friends of the South had a large number of armed launches having been put in order and the latter used in the work of assisting and covering the landing of troops. The practice in the boats had been quite extensive, and it was fully understood that a new descent was about to be made on the enemy's coast. The gun-boats were concentrating; and so far as the naval part of the expedition was concerned, the preparations for an offensive movement were nearly, if not quite, complete.

### THE FORTIFICATIONS AT HILTON HEAD.

These defenses are now nearly perfected. The entrenched stock of Fort Walker is described as a splendid work, capable of protecting the fort and quartering of the Federal troops against very great odds. One thousand men in the fort and along the line of the works, together with such assistance as could be rendered by a few hundred to defend our position against any force the Confederates could bring against it. At the fort at Hilton Head (independent of that at Beaufort and the Island), is about twelve thousand men, at least ten thousand men could be moved from Hilton Head; a force which, with Gen. Stevens' brigade at Beaufort, would be sufficiently formidable to accomplish the reduction of either Savannah or Charleston, or (what is more likely) to be done) defeat the considerable force of Confederates at Coosawatthee, a place not nearly known as the junction point situated on the coast between Hilton Head and Beaufort.

Although large quantities of provisions have been landed at Beaufort from the transports—indeed, than Gen. Stevens' brigade of four thousand men would be likely to need for a long time to come—no fortifications have been erected near the town. The soldiers are regularly encamped, occupying only their tents. The officers are quartered in the houses of the town. There is no evidence that Beaufort is to be defended by our forces as a permanent position. The indications are that some point nearer Charleston will be chosen.

On the 25th ultimo an order was issued by General Stevens, directing that the town and all the points within its limits be protected by a military force, and forbidding the passage of any person through the lines unless provided with a pass from the General or officer of the day. The destruction of property in the town has entirely ceased.

Reconnaissances are making by our forces, many of which are extended to the mainland. In one of these the Eighth Maine Regiment, early last week, captured a Confederate picket, from whom we learn little information in regard to the Confederate force at that point and Charleston could be obtained. The men were taken to Beaufort, and placed under confinement.

It is not generally known that at this time business is carried on in the town of Beaufort by one of the original inhabitants, who owns what is known as a "country store," where dry goods, groceries, and other articles are sold. This Beaufort dealer is by birth an Eastern man, but has lived in the South more than twenty years, and has managed to keep up a small stock of shoes for which he now finds a ready market at good prices.

### THE FEELING IN NEW YORK TOWARDS ENGLAND.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* thus gives vent to a feeling which is generally shared by many persons in New York:

The strong English inclination, of which the boarding of the British Captain Wilkes was the pretext, fails to have its counterpart here on our side, in her Majesty's Government recognizing the necessity of acting more in consonance with the proclamations of the Queen's proclamation than they are inclined to do at present. There has all along been a great deal of indignation among our merchants and ship owners particularly, at the *plotting* of the piratical Nashville in the waters of the Atlantic, whose conduct has been condemned by the whole world. But the English, though they are not so bold as to settle their differences with the Trent, but much rather are disposed to let them be settled, people are less inclined to make a vigorous protest against the practice than shown to intruders on American commerce, sailing under the colors of an unrecognizable power.

This is not mere sentiment, nor the natural resentment resulting from a wounded national pride. It is a practical master, directly affecting our commercial welfare. As long as that Confederate steamer lies at Southampton, under the American flag, at present under the American flag, she endures upon every vessel in sight, and incites our merchants and ship owners to do the best they can to get rid of her. Liverpool letters received by us from Asia today, from the ports there of American shipping houses, are very earnest in urging on their business partners here to stir up the Government to such a course of action as most compel Her Majesty's Government to pay more respect to the neutrality it professes—else to cut off the blow of the neck, and take the part of the Confederate rebels, as it were taking it in an unfeeling way.

To this course of proceeding in the present state of feeling between the two countries might lead to war, but it will twists a wretchedly slim nation round and operate much more disastrously to our commercial interests than the shadow of authority we have now."

The commercial community here, I am assured, are deeply impressed with these sentiments, and are unanimous in the expression of the hope that, as it is now out of the question to bring Mr. Seward will face the music at once, it is a matter of vital fact, in which there are no doubtful points, to bring him to justice. It is a simple question of right and law on the one hand, and of right and wrong on the other. John Bull is with us.

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