

Anderson Seminary
1857.

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Charles Campbell.
April 26th
1857.

He that is slow to anger is better
than the mighty; & he that ruleth
his spirit than he that taketh a
City. Proverbs XVI. 32.

Diary No 4

Saturday Aug 10th, 1861: another intensely hot day. A. W. called. He is 2^d Lieut. in a company now quartered at the Fair Grounds. They are to leave here on Tuesday next probably for Norfolk. Mr V. the lithographer tells me that 48 copies of the diagram of the battle of Manassas have been sold. They are sold by Mr X. a Scotchman & his son David who sell newspapers. Mr V. thinks that a plan of the battle-field with the position of the enemy the crossing places & would be a good thing. Something of this kind has been published in the N. O. Delta. The rail road junction was still uncompleted this

evening. The Engineer Mr
G— from Richmond says
that it will probably be ready
for the train to-morrow.
A short branch is to be made
connecting the South-side
Road with the bridge: the
gauge of the South-side
is however different from
that of the Richmond road.
an additional lateral rail
will enable the cars ^{of one road} to
run along side those of
the other & so shift the
freight without hauling.
This will throw out of employ-
ment certain carts, wains,
wagons &c a small matter
in comparison with the
immense advantages of
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which ought to ^{have} been joined
many years ago. A soldier
died at Sarratts today:
3 have died in the hospitals
here & one at M^oB^o a
6th, killed by falling from
an open rail road car. This
seems a small number
considering the large number
that have passed through
Peteburg probably not
less than 35,000. The Confed-
erate Congress have passed
an act authorizing the Pres.
to accept 400,000 volunteers
that is 190,000 in addition
to the present number enlisted
210,000. Another act is for
the removal of ~~non-juring~~ aliens
refusing allegiance to the new
Government. Saw at Norfolk

depot a parcel of gun-carriages
made at the workshops of the
Rt & Danville R Road - to go
I suppose to Richmond; saw
wagons loading at Sarratto
with kegs of gunpowder,
also for Richmond. Some
one told me that a former
resident of Hampton says
that Hampton was burnt
by Mc Greder's orders. The
papers denounce the enemy
for having done it. Some say
that New Ports News is not eva-
-uated but has been rein-
-forced & that there are
5000 men there. Mr - is
of opinion that Beaupard will
take Washington by tomorrow
(Sunday) night. This seems
premature: W.A. large army
with artillery, wagons &c.

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is to be ~~transferred~~ moved across
the Potomac in the face of
the enemy: & besides the outposts
-ments at Alexandria & Arlington
Heights must be stopped before
Washington can be captured
In a few days the Steamer
will bring to New York the
Comments of the English
press on the Battle of
Mopussar. The recognition
of the independence of the
Confederate States may soon
take place. At any rate
England must have the cotton
with which she clothes the
world - ^{not only} by November. The Petersburg
cotton ^{factories} are making money
but ^{there} is a scarcity of operatives
many having gone into the army.
Sunday: heard at Dr. Byrd's church
the Rev. Mr. Cady who removed from

Virginia to Kentucky & now
being dissatisfied with the position
of that Sardanapalian state which shows
neither hot nor cold returns on a
visit to Virginia. He prayed for the
President of the Confederate States
but in his sermon made no allusion
to the war. The congregations now
consist mostly of females.

Monday, ^{Aug 12th} Astorburg is extremely
dull. A dinner is to be given
on Wednesday at the new barracks
on Poplar down to the mechanics
who assisted in the building
gratuitously. The late rains
have been most seasonable
falling gently & followed by
a hot sun the next day.
The promise of the corn-crop
is excellent. Corn will sell
at \$2.00 per bbl & flour will
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thing for the poor consumers. Potatoes
will be very cheap making it easy
to winter a cow. The farmers having
a surplus of corn will raise more
cattle & poultry. Salt is high &
vinegar! The sewing women have
plenty of work but at very low
wages - 10 cents for a pair of
drawers a woman making 2 or 3
pair a day. Read to day Gen.
McDonnell's official report of
the battle of Aquia. He
says it was fought near a small
stream a branch of Bull Run.
He says he understands that our
army was commanded by "I. A.
Johnston" giving him no title.
But "I. A. Johnston" managed to
beat Gen. McDonnell. He gives
the number of his killed and
wounded a false statement
since he left the bulk of

them on the field of battle,
it was impossible for him to
know how many there were
as the dead were buried
by our people & the wounded
almost all attended to by
our surgeons. But McDowell's
report is clear & interesting
although in some points
false, in some one-sided,
in some disingenuous.
He appears to lay the blame
of his defeat very much
upon Patterson. The reason
why many of McDowell's
men were without food
during the day was either
that they had no stomach
for it or that during the
battle they threw away their
haversacks. J. P. tells me
that Gen. Win sides in an

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old buggy appears on the field
with an umbrella in the place
of a sword: but that he is fearless
prompt in action & has the confidence
of his men. It is said, that his
late retreat was in obedience to
orders against his wish. That
his forces are now at the White
Sulphur Springs. Prince Napoleon
has visited near Manassas
where he was entertained by
Beauregard & reviewed the
army was drawn up in a
line extending some miles
in honor of the Prince who
however owing to the heat
of the day reviewed only one
regiment - the 1st Va regt. Gen.
Longstreet was in command on
the occasion. The Prince is
45 looks like a gourmand;
wears no beard nor moustache.

wore a straw hat, linen sack
of pants of same kind: very
plain looking man. Delaware
is said to be in sympathy
with the South. Dinsley given
to John Cabell Breckinridge
of Vallsandigham two patriot
houses at Eutan House Baltimore.
Breckinridge late in the
evening made a speech:
some roused - loud fellows
of the baser sort led on
by Lincoln's new policies
repeatedly interrupted MWB
with insults & threats, he
defied them. It is said
that he will take service
in the Confederate army.
His uncle Robert Breckin-
-ridge the great leader in
the Presbyterian church
is said to be in Washington

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riding & abetting Lincoln. The
Capt. Maney's company marched
by this evening in the rain,
probably on their way to Norfolk.
The quartermaster advertises
in the Express for 80 artillery
horses. A negro who had
was ^{starting} to ^{Richmond} Manassas with some
soldiers & on his way back
they dropped his knapsack
from the car & in endeavoring
to get it had a foot cut off
by the car-wheel. He was
taken to the Institute hospital
to have amputation performed
when it was discovered that
he is a slave belonging to Mrs
Lee in Blandford. A soldier
in the Institute convalescent
but weak being visited by his
2 sons from the camp in Rich-
mond they likewise being

in the army - fainter. The Bible
Society is collecting Bibles for
the Soldiers: The tract Society
is distributing tracts. I copied
on tracing paper the from the
large map of Va. the seat
of the war on the line
of the Potomac.

Tuesday Augt 13th Petersburg
very dull. Anthracite coal here
is exhausted: next winter it will
be necessary to do without it.
Dr Johns medical purveyor of
Confed. States by a circular
address proposes that every family
in the South contribute one
or more blankets for the
soldiers. could not plain
coarse blankets be woven
in the South. Watermelons
are now abundant. Gen.
A. S. Johnston left Los Angeles
California for Texas July 2

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in company of 100 men including
several other resigned officers. Gen.
Johnston commanded the army sent
to Utah to keep the Mormons
quiet. Troops from the South
continue to arrive from
the South. By a recent act
of Conf. Congress, soldiers are
exempt from prepayment of postage.

Wed. Aug 14th. Gen. Sherman is
placing troops along the east bank
of the St. James to intercept all intercourse
between Va & Me to gain information
of the movements of the Confederates.
He apprehends an attack upon
Washington. Col. Cooper, commander
of Indian forces of Confed. Post,
is mustering Choctaws into the service.
Many of this tribe are wealthy
born slaves. The name of the
Yorktown has been changed to
Patrick Henry. She has been

down near Newport's News. The
rail-road junction at Petersburg
is completed & likewise at Richmond
the cars now run through. Some
heavy guns have lately gone
hence to the South. 50 or 60
mechanics worked on the barracks
at Poplar Spring & completed it
in less than a week. It is
large & convenient. Near
fine shade & excellent water.

Gen Lyon & Gen McCallan
both made was a native
of Connecticut. Morehead
city a watering house near Fort
Macon N. C. is highly spoken
of by some citizens of Petersburg
who have visited. The route is
by rail-road all the way. It is
asserted in a Canadian paper that
Gen Beauregard's father ~~was~~
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New Orleans, where he acquired
wealth & influence. His name
was Pierre Toussaint. The son was
a cadet at West Pt. under the
name of Pierre Gustave Toussaint.
He afterwards adopted the name
of Beauregard - his mother's name.
Capt. Mello, &c in N.Y. next
strongest mercantile house to that
of A. T. Stewart has failed for
an immense amount. The chief
members were pillars of Beecher's
Church. out of a population of
700,000 Louisiana has furnished
22,500 volunteers. Virginia alone
has furnished a larger proportion.
Of the 22,500 Louisianians 11,500
are in Virginia. Rumor to-day of
fighting at Aquia creek. Large quantities
of rice passing through from the South
for the army. The Bompany at the
Fair Grounds are to go to Norfolk
on the next Tuesday.

Thursday Aug 15th The Wash^g
correspondent of N. Y. Jour. of Commerce
write that the administration
have determined to carry the
war into ^{the heart of} Eastern Virginia. If
they cannot carry on war there
with success they cannot any-
where. An entire failure
to in Virginia for the next
six months will go far
to terminate the war.

Report of a battle near
Leesburg. 300 Lincolnites
killed + wounded 1400
prisoners. M. Faulkner late
Minister to France has
been arrested + imprisoned
by the despotism at
Washington. Read officials
reports of Battle of Manassas
by Gen. Tyler, Col. Hunter,
Gen. Burnside, Col. Heintzelman,
Col. Miles, Capt. Griffin, or

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the Federal side: also Col
Kershaw's report on Bonfed-
side. Col. K mentions that
Mr Buffin fired ^{the 1st} a gun of
Kempas battery & fought in
the ranks with his musket
during the day. Friday Aug. 18th
The Common Council of Cambridge
have appropriated 27 dollars to each
member of the Volunteer cadets Capt
Lawrence furnish them with uniforms.
Visited the camp of this company
on the Heights at the head of
Dyamore St. A large oak affords
shade: the inclination of the heights
carries off the rain: the prospect
here is picturesque. 2 squads
drilling. This company appear
to be fortunate in their Captain.
He is a quiet sensible soldier-like
man who has seen service in
Mexico. He says that it will be

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Some 3 weeks before he can
get away with his company
owing to the difficulty of getting
the uniforms made the clothing
-men being very busy: women make
uniform in a bungling manner: it
requires a regular-bird tailor
to make a neat well-fitting
uniform. The editors described

the enemy in the most
approved style of vituperation
invective for burning Sumner
& then they found out that
it had been burnt by
Mc Gruder. A son of Ex
Gov Smith (Ex or a Billy) just
returned from California has
been arrested at N. York.

A wounded lieutenant of Borger's
regt. in a letter says that there
were 8 regts in McDowell's
army at the battle of

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Monasses whose time had expired.
Such men would not be apt to
fight so well. The hospitals for
the wounded & sick are at
Lawrence Junction, Centerville
Fairfax, Sulphur Co. N. Richmond
Whittetown. It is said by
one of the Richmond prisoners
that Col. Todd brother of Mr Lincoln
has the ~~the~~ superintendence of the
prisoners there. ~~The weather~~
There are frequent rains.

The crops are very promising;
the gardens are uncommonly
productive. Saturday Aug 17th
Genl Dr J. Letty recommends
him for place of assistant surgeon
in Confed. army. He has been
2 weeks at Sulphur Co. N.
hospital where there are 500
patients. Dr Green who had
charge there very kind. The

suffering. If the wounded were
horrible: their fortitude
amazing: it seemed as if they
had no nerves. Amputations
performed by the army surgeons
assisted by others. Difficulty
in getting medicine for so
many: much suffering from
the delay. Dr. S. understanding
the apothecary art furnished
himself with medicines &
then had no further trouble.
Chloroform is uniformly used in
amputation. The patient
on recovering from its effect
calls for the ball & sees
it cut out from the
wounded limb & takes it into
his hand. Their very food
on these occasions is
wonderful. The Leesburg
affair news after being con-

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formed on the next day has
since remained without further
confirmation. The post at Rich-
-mond has no official information
of it. The Enquirer still believes
it. Probably the report is
well founded but exaggerated.
There is no doubt but
that in Missouri Lyon's
killed, his army badly
beaten & retreating. It is
said that McCulloch
Hardee & Pillow in 3 columns
are moving upon St. Louis.
Martial law is declared
there. Several companies
of Howell Cobb's cavalry
yet have passed through
Peterburg. They have a
sort of steps at the
R.R. depot for the

descent of the horses from
the cars. The horses are hatted
& the men ride upon with
the hatters which with some
horses is rather dangerous.
A company of them arrived
to-day commanded by Capt
Yarley to whom I was
introduced: handsome
man: wears specs: said
to be brother of Wm L Yarney
The Company quarters at
The Fair Grounds. Howell
Cobb. Col. of this regt was
lately Sec. U. S. Secy of Peace
& is now Pres. of Confed Congress
A brother of his is also a member
of the Congress. Howell Cobb
I was told in Richmond remarked
in company at The Spotswood
house that the Presbyterian
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found in opposition to tyramy
& oppression. Dr F tells me
that the Ordinance of Secession
of S. Carolina was composed by a
Presbyterian Judge McGrath & that
of Georgia by a Presbyterian.

The Dr. also
informs me that Wm L Yancey
Confederate Commissioner to Europe
is a member of the Presbyterian
Church. Sunday Aug.
~~Saturday~~ Sept 14th.

Sunday Sept 18th. In the
forenoon heard at Tabb St
Church Dr Atkinson Pres. of
Hampton Sidney College - a
pioneer - of war taken at Rich
Mountain & now on parole -
preach. He prayed for the confed-
erate govt & army. His text was
Gen.

a very good discourse. In
the afternoon heard Dr Pryor
preach at the Fair Grounds.
The company of Georgia Cavalry
Capt Yancey & some of the
Rayland's guard present together
with a number of people
of the town. The text from
St Paul's Epistle to Timothy "I have
fought a good fight." & reads
the battle of life, the battle
in defence of one's Country
& the Christian warfare -
a very appropriate & patriotic
discourse. In the evening
they arrived a regt from
N. Carolina & a company of
Cavalry from Alabama, also
in all about 1000. They
went to the Poplar lawn to
get their supper. Dr P. gave
me yesterday copy of the

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No. 1 Delta containing the
Battlefield of Manassas
with the position of the two
armies. Manassas said by
R. Squires to be derived from
the name of a Jew ^{Manasseh} that kept
a tavern near ^{the} Gap
which was called after his
tavern Manasseh's, which
has been altered to Manassas,
properly in the possessive case
but spelt now without the
apostrophe. A — suggests to
me that there have been
2 battles in Virginia at Bethel
& Manasseh's. Both names
are scriptural & Hebrew.
Monday Aug 19th. The Leesburg
news stands unconfirmed. The
accounts from Missouri are
very favorable. Another
cavalry company arrived

to-day: saw them pass by
on the way to the Fair-grounds.
very warm to-day & showery.

Mr W sent me to Rec from
Mr W of Richmond sketch of
the Battle of Bethel which
N. the lithographer is to make
an "autographic" sketch of.

He has rec orders for 150 of
the Manassas sketch. Dr B
showed me lately a drawing
of Johnston's retreat from
Winchester. I have copied a
sketch of the fortress Monroe
& the adjacent parts, also
of the opposite side of the
Roads: also some 6 counties
in N. E. Va from the
large map of the state.

Tuesday Aug 20th. Soldiers
continue to come & go.

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at the Fair Grounds: ~~many~~
~~many~~ soldiers in the streets
however. ~~Then~~ The railroad
junction does not work well;
The car ran off the track
to-day near the new bridge
but without any damage. Mr.
S. says that the track being
hurriedly made is too narrow
in some parts. Mr. D. thinks
that the curve near the bridge
is too ~~near~~ sharp & that it ought
to ~~must~~ be made obtuser.
The Richmond Dispatch says
that there are 13000 troops
now en route between Nelson
& Richmond: but this can
hardly be so. The Leesburg
news turns out to be a
monstrous canard: there
was one prisoner taken instead
of 1700. Saw to-day Capt. M.

from Norfolk. It is said
that the Confederate army
on the Potomac amounts
now to 130,000 men. Many
of the troops at Washington
are mutinous. It is reported
that in a cabinet Council
Lincoln & Bates voted for keeping
the Confederate prisoners. The
Herald Bohemian has brought
news from England subsequent
to receipt of accounts of the
battle of Manassas. It is
probable that England & France
will shortly recognize the
independence of the Confederate
States: they will some how or
other raise the blockade by
November. Bacon is scarce
& dear - 22 cents per lb.
cotton is $18\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb
in N. York & about the same

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in England. Read official reports of Col. Keyes & Barnard Federal officers in Battle of Manassas: both interesting & apparently fair. The officers appear to have thought that victory was on their side until they all ran away. The Regular Federal officers do not like McDowell's being superseded by McClellan Aug 28th. There is a hiatus of a week at this point: during the interim nothing very extraordinary has occurred: Soldiers have been occasionally passing through: several companies of cavalry have been quartered at The Fair Grounds. The men riding about the streets served to enliven them somewhat. Large cannon have been passing through mostly for the South & cannon balls.

D. S. - has been appointed Assistant Surgeon. The Confederate govt is about to establish a hospital in Petersburg. It was found that the junction track between the railroads did not work the curve near the bridge being too sharp & they have altered it somehow. The Mayor now gives passes to Richmond & back. I was in that city last Saturday. Maine St is more animated than I ever saw it - inundated with military, politicians, strangers &c.: business appears lively. I took another look at the prisoners in the Tob. factories. observed some some of them rolling wheelbarrows with barrels on them with armed guard before & behind: also 2 of them with large baskets.

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guarded in the same way.
The officers were in the lower
story or ground-floor. They
appeared cheerful & talkative.
Saw in the street Mr Daly
Correspondent of London
Herald (Derby organ) ^{very} dark
hair & whiskers. Saw Dr C.
Surgeon at Bentreville: he
gave an account of his
adventures on the day of the
battle. One of the Confed. teamsters
while the battle was raging
told the officers in command
at the place where his horses
were that "he must have
some long feed for them."
While the enemy were firing
at the hospital the patients
were moved out. The noise
of small arms more terrific
than that of cannon because
more destructive.

Bacon now in Petersburg 25
cents per lb; lard, candles
soap, matches &c at exorbitant
prices. The season continues
very favorable. though some
days of late have been
rather cool. The comments
of English press on the battle
of Mangasa interesting. The
London Times says it was
an chastity. There is a
great deal of sickness in
the Confed. camps. Gen. Lee
is said to be hovering in
Rosenavantz. There are
reports of numerous arrests
of Southerners & others at
the Nth. Among them is
Mr G. of Petersburg who
is charged with buying Southern
stocks: \$100,000 said to have
been found on him at

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The 5th Avenue Hotel. When
I was in Richmond last I
went into 3rd story of Capitol
to get a passport from the
Governor's aid. Saw Gov
Letcher in next room
in his shirt sleeves with
his inevitable pipe in his
mouth. Met in the cars
Rev. Mr C - from Texas a
methodist preacher col. of a
regt. Chaplain, engaged in
making Armstrong gun at
Norfolk has 100 men at work
on it; expended \$6000 in
getting the ~~secret~~ secret from
England - has invented a rifle
a rammer, a shell &c. says
the Armstrong gun will
shoot 8 miles; Capt Ingra-
ham was incredulous

about that. Rev. Mr C
has a farm in Texas. Two
companies arrived in Petersburg
this evening (Aug 28th) from
N. C. More said to be
coming to night. Rev. Mr
M. preached at Fair Ground
on Sunday. Some of the soldiers
shed tears. He distributed
tracts among them. Gen. Gwyn
is out of Conf. service at present
his office being vacated by
some law passed in N. Carolina.
He was stationed at Newbern
N. C. At the Nth. the
circulation of ^{several} anti war
papers has been suppressed
by the U. S. Govt. Four
of Commerce, News, Daybook,
Brooklyn Eagle, Freeman's
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papers mostly democratic
have been smothered & the
offices sacked. The Mth likes
free soil better than free
press. The Democrats &
Republicans appear to be
quarrelling. The Republicans
get the lion's share of
the office: hinc illa lac-
ryma. Capt. Laurens' com-
pany, Lockade cadets
56 in number are encamped
on the Heights near Postey Hill
The captain appears to be
a resolute soldierlike man.
Several of my scholars in
his company.

Sept 29th, Friday. A naval expedition
from Fort Mifflin 100 guns &
4000 men have captured Fort
Mifflin, Capt. Barron & 330 men.
This was announced in the

papers this morning: since
that it is said that 500
men were captured. The fort
is now said to be not strong
intended for 20 guns but they
were not all mounted: after
20 rounds they their ammunition
gave out & they surrendered.
It is said that they would
have been obliged to surrender
at any rate to so superior
a force. The fort is said
to be on a promontory a
good many miles from the
main land. The coast is
dangerous for the war-ships
if they remain & if they
go away the fort may be
recaptured & destroyed. The
wonder is not that the
Federal navy has gained this
advantage but that they

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had been so long without
gaining any. From Northwest
Virginia the news is that a gen-
eral Tyler with 900 men has been
captured by Confederate forces.
Two companies of Cavalry arrived
this ~~even~~ afternoon from the
South & repaired to the Fair
Grounds. There is to be a Confed-
erate hospital established at
the Fair Grounds. Dr. Strachan
principal surgeon - Dr. Stockdell
assistant. White sugar is 25
cents per lb. Mr C - has been
to Yorktown & got a good number
of sketches of battle of Manassas
& of Bethel here. ^{Dr. Pennington} They were
daily expecting an attack from
the enemy. Copied to day another
sketch of battle of Bethel by
Mr G - who was present.

Sept 31. Saturday This
morning about 7 o'clock
saw the Jeff Davis Flying
Artillery Capt Montgomery
from Selma Alabama
160 men 116 horses: brought
only 1 gun; expect to get
them in Richmond. They were
going down Lynamore + extended
2 abreast from Powell's Tavern
Hotel (that was) to Bowling's
corner. The buyer was a
boy. The talk to-day
is about the capture of
Fort Mifflin + garrison of
Capt. Barons of 500 men:
+ of the probability of an
early battle near the Potomac
perhaps near Arlington
heights. Some say that
there has been a battle
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failing a soap must be
made from lye. There
will be more ^{wool} ashes than
usual in the towns as
there is no hard coal
to be had now. Flour is
\$6.50 per boll. A good many
soldiers pass, South appa-
rently on furlough. Mr
C - sold good many of
sketches of Battle Ground of
Manassas & Battle of Bethel
at Yorktown &c. Mr R -
at Portsmouth sold 112
of the Manassas sketch
& wants to get 1000 more.
Such things serve to diversify
the monotonous still life
of camp. There are about
2000 Northern prisoners in
Richmond.

Monday Sept 2, 1861. Morning

& evenings uncommonly cool for
the season. The papers give
the details of the capture of
forts Hatteras & Clark - about 20
miles Nth of Cape Hatteras.
The odds at ~~Wax~~ ^{Fort} Hatteras
were 100 guns & 4000 men
to 20 guns & 500 men.
The fort made a stout defence.
Great excitement in Nth Carolina
women & children escaping
from Newbern. Fort Magon
threatened. Another battle
near the Roanoke is daily
expected. The locomotive
again ran off the junction
track near Pocahontas bridge.
There seems to be some fatality
about the business. The
buildings at the Fair
Grounds are to be got ready
for the new Hospital in
10 days. A good many

sick & wounded are to be
sent here. Mr Valory is
about to print part of the
engravings for the new work
on Bonaparte uniforms edited by
Col. Blanton Duncan of Kentucky.
The first 1000 copies to be plain
the 2^d edition to be elegantly
colored.

Thursday Sept. 5th. Saw this
afternoon at South Side depot
24 - 32 pounders & 4 64 pounder
of these last 2 painted red were
rifled. The guns were accom-
panied by gun-carriages. All
bound for N. Orleans to which
they can go with one
rehandling. An employe of
Adams' Express office here
has been committed on charge
of forging signatures to Treasury
notes; 4 other persons have been

arrested as accomplices. They
are to be tried in Richmond.

Besides the cannon at the
depot I saw a boat on
the cars which came with
the guns from Portsmouth Navy
yard & is destined to Aquia
Creek on the Potomac. Several
other boats have passed through
in the same direction recently.

The boat would hold 30 men.
N.O. told me that he had
seen a letter from Richmond
mentioning that Beauregard
had sent for 2 millions
of cartridges, also for hospital
tents & as many ambulances
as ^{can} ~~could~~ be found. West
& Johnson have published a
plan of battle of Manassas.
The engineer says that

It makes Bull Run straight
instead of being bending round &
makes the bluffs on the West
Bank instead of the East.

Friday Sept 6th, 1861. Mr C

has been twice to Yorktown
sold 500 sketches of Battle of
Bethel. A private soldier at
Camp Magazine Grove wharf
named Goulding has bought
228 of them for sale in 2
Louisiana reg. Mr C says
that there are 20,000 men
at Yorktown an overestimate
as I suppose. He visited the
field of Bethel: rode over
the ground there with
Maj. Randolph who pointed
out some errors in the sketch.
This morning I saw a company
of cavalry on their route to
Richmond by the turnpike.

one of the men was smoking
a pipe. six or eight negroes
brought up the rear, some
of them leading horses. This
afternoon another some companies
arrive at Sarratt's army
with double-barrelled shot-
guns. They went to Poplar
Lawn to eat. Saw to-day
~~newspaper~~ newspaper - man
selling Battle-field of Manassas
- as printed at Engineer's Office
for 10 cts a piece. Saw
also to-day copy of sketch
of the same battle just
published by West & Johnson
price one dollar. Met to-day
Rev Dr L - who lately made a
tour through Europe, The Holy Land
&c. Returned from Philadelphia
where he had been living for
some years. He reports that Dr

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The celebrated preacher
sympathizes with the South.
Monday Sept 9th I left Peters-
burg about 8 o'clock A. M.
on Norfolk & Petersburg R. Road.
Travelling rapidly - about 25
miles an hour. Intermediate
stations Disputanta, Waverley,
Wakefield, Ivos, Juni, Suffolk.
At the last place it seemed
as if the entire male population
came out to see the car arrive
& get the newspapers. Reached
Norfolk about 11. At a resto-
-rant had a tough piece of
beefsteak, cole slough & stale
bread - price 25 cents. For
dessert bought a piece of
gingerbread at a bakery.
Got into a one-horse hack
with one other passenger - an
Alabama soldier from Pickens

county. Our horse a grey pacer
a ~~seem~~ got out of breath &
preferred a walk. At length
with difficulty we reached
Harrison's Farm the encampment
of the 12th Va. regt of Volunteers
enlisted for one year: Col Weisiger.
consisting mainly of Petersburg
companies City Guard Capt.
May, Rifles Capt. Dodson. A
Group Capt Lyon, B Group
Capt. Bond. Lafayette Guard
Capt. Jarvis: Besides them is
a Norfolk company Capt. Herja-
son lately arrived. The Richmond
Grays Capt. Elliott are also
expected. Met with many
acquaintances. Called on
Col. Weisiger & in his tent
saw Lieut. Col. Taylor. Lieut
Col. Brockett & S. Stevens.
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Lieut W. Brown. Met there
Mr B. W. in quartermaster
department. called on Capt
Dodson & met there Lieut ~~Frank~~
Met with privates Robt Osborne
Henry Watkins Thompson Proff,
Willy Nelson Hugh Nelson,
Bishop, Badger, R Bowden,
Carey Batte, Russell, & H of
Robt Batte, H May, Richd
Christian, A Keily, J Beckwith
J. Weddell, &c. Harrison's Farm
about 2 miles from National
Hotel Norfolk. In camp saw
men of Norfolk company rolling
their street. Looked at one
or two kitchens: negro cooks
& coffee burnt black as usual:
they cook sub dio in midst
of smoke: ought to have
chimneys & fire-places or
cooking ranges. Each company

gets water from its own well.
good water. Sleep in sort of
berths 4 in a tent - the 5th man
has a cot. Floor of loose boards.
Men tinkering up their fixtures.
One sewing button on another
gaiters. One with a saw was
fixing a board ~~with~~ in the
floor sawing a little of the end
off to make it fit. Black
woman & pretty white girl going
round attending to washing
clothes: they had a little
pass book in which the
number of pieces was set
down: boy with figs for
sale very good ones. draws
them about in a little wagon.
Dined with the privates for
dinner black-eye peas,
middling, fried chicken, corn
bread, sweet potatoes.

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Irish potatoes: water.
badly cooked - pretty rough
fare: not an average dinner
in quality as I was told.
The Norfolk regt. Col. Mahone
is encamped very near -
- 2 or 3 hundred yards off.
They have a band. The
12th regt. in the evening
had an undress parade 4 or
5 drums & 1 pipe. ~~Orders~~
Regimental orders read. Some
play churming, dominoes, drafts
& chess. The officers encourage
all innocent diversions. The
chapel seats between 2 or 3
hundred: no chaplain to this
regt. divers clergymen officiate.
The Norfolk regt. Col. Mahone
encamped a few hundred
yards distant. Col. Mahone
is superintendent of Norfolk
& Petersburg R Road.

In evening returned to Norfolk
walked part of the way: rode
the rest of it in a mule drawn
vehicle. The mule was very
tired & most reluctant to
move faster than a walk.
Stopped at the National Hotel.
Saw there some Petersburgians
engaged in the Quarter-master's
department. It is extremely
difficult now to get a permit
to visit the Navy-yard, particu-
-larly since the recent indiscreet
publication in the newspapers
of a minute description of
the Merrimac by a Rev Mr
Nicholson whose letter appeared
first in the Mobile Tribune.
The circulation of the Examiner
at Norfolk is 900, Dispatch
150, Enquirer 50. ^{Sept. 10, 1861.}
Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock

took passage in the Wm Selder
employed by Quartermaster's
department for Craney Island.
Among the freight noticed crates
of straw & beef. In a short time
reached Craney Island: had
to land in a boat, the tide
being low. The appearance of
the verdant island with its
snowy tents picturesque. 800
men here: 9 companies of
artillery 2 infantry. Ramparts
embrasures, 32 pounders 64 pounders
& 42. one 128 pounder. Some
Dahlgreens. Men working on
ramparts with ^{travels} spades & wheel-
barrows. Dined with Capt. B.
Lieut H - &c. Roast goose
spits, sweet potatoes &c.
Saw Capt. Gilliam, & his Lt
Lieut WWS - Capt Sewellen
&c. Smith adjutant drilling

artillery company. son of Col.
Smith who is in command here.
late Principal of Mil^y Institute
at Lexington. 6 guns. Saw
men ~~for~~ drilling at a gun
on rampart. Embrasures
wedge-shaped. magazines
for powder - large & small.
in the latter cartridges or charges
in bags: rammer, sponge, scoop
to extract ball, trailing lever,
elevator, pulleys to move
gun to right & left. Redan.
flag-staff. signals: There
is a signal telegraph day
& night communicating to
Norfolk in 2 minutes. Walked
on beach: picked up a shell
& some ^{green} sea-weed, which I
laid between the leaves

of my memorandum book.
made of a sheet of paper folded
small. Head-quarters: saw
men playing marbles. Looked
through a marine glass at
Fortress Monroe built for
protection of Va. against
foreign enemies & now
used for her subjugation
which was predicted by Patrick
Henry in 1788: he said when
you give up the forts you
surrender your liberty.
Looked at Newport News
or Newport News. saw the
Savannah lying off & some
& transports close in to
shore. Bough's Bluff in view.
The Marine glass like an
opera glass: cost 50 dollars.
Lamberts point in sight.
only tree on Craney Island

an antiquated cedar which
was here in the last was with
Great Britain. Fishing boats
to be seen in Elizabeth river.
Crane Island so called from
it's beach having been a favorite
haunt of Cranes - the water
being shallow for some
distance out they found
it a convenient place for
wading in or invading. I saw
one there. Sitting on a bench
at Head Quarters of Col. Smith
I observed the steamer Wm
Selden on her 2^d trip from
Norfolk run aground; as
she did not get off till
a late hour I had to stay
on the Island that night
(Tuesday) which I was pleased
to do to see the encampment
by moonlight. Saw Major

Crutchfield son of the late
Speaker of the Va. H. of Delegates
drilling the Norfolk company
Fin Skirmisher's drill kneeling
of firing; lying down, loading
firing: rallying in squares
of 4 to resist cavalry. The
major very quiet & deliberate
— said to be an excellent
instructor — a military genius.
The Norfolk company A
contains the elite of the
young men of Norfolk. Saw
Capt Krupp drilling his company
of artillery from Salem Roanoke
County Va. the same company
which I noticed when passing
through Petersburg healthy blond
robust mountaineers a very
fine company: drilling in light,
artillery, "limber up" "one!"
"two!" "three" &c. The men

draw the caanon about
in the stead of horses: toyt
woyk over the greenward.
In evening saw the 9 companies
800 men in undress parade.
Adjutant Smith read regi-
-mental order for the follow-
-ing day of dismissal then
whereupon each Captain
marched his company
back to their own quarters.
of dismissal them. 7 drummes
of a pifer. In the evening
I took supper with Capt.
Gilliam of was hospitably
entertained by him & his
son who is adjutant of the
company. Supper about 8
o'clock. Capt. G. & son. Lieut.
J. & some 3 or 4 others: ate
by light of the moon on
a table near the tent.

Bread in round cakes ^{10 in diam.}
inch & half thick, with
shortening in them: hot
spots: fried middling: pretty
good coffee of course
without milk: butter
at the bottom of large
tin bucket. Next to me
sate No. 1 - a former scholar
of mine - now a sergeant
sergeant. After supper
Capt. G's company mustered
to call roll. The adjutant
called the roll from memory
remember. After the company
was dismissed the Capt.
distributed gas to some of
them. The Capt. & his 1st Lieut
held a short controversy as to
the comparative merits of 2
uniform coats. As it was
rather too dark to discrimi-
-nate between them, proposed

to adjourn the question
over till the morning which
was agreed to. Hearing of an
old Negro drummer who
had come down from
Roanoke county with
the Salem company &
to intimating a wish to
see him Capt. G obligingly
went in quest of him. He
had gone to bed it being
then about 9 o'clock but
he got up dread of come.
He is 72 years old, his
appearance ^{is} very prepossessing.
Was in this quarter in the
~~war~~ war of 1812-14 &
when on the eve of his
departure to men what whim-
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at Craney Island. On
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This circumstance, which
in the long interval had
escaped from his memory
some curiosity being excited
on the subject or some
incredulity being expressed,
the old drummer remarked
that he could easily find
it again. Upon repairing to
the spot he in a little time
came to a large chip of
cinder it, the identical
pipe which he had buried
there 47 years before. The
stem (of reed) was gone having
decayed but the pipe remain-
ed unharmed by the interment
~~of~~ save a little defacing of the
glazing. The old drummer
rather unthinkingly gave it
to a negro boy who asked him
for it: but on finding afterwards

how much interest some
of the officers took in it
he sent word to the boy by
a woman that he would
give him \$2.00 for the pipe
& the old man remarked to me
that he would give \$5.00
to get it back. Some of the
officers of the garrison had
told him that he ought to
have sent it as a present to
Jeff Davis: but I rather think
that as the President has no
time for such curious relics
just now, that the old drummer
had better if he recovers it
keep it to take back home
with him to Noank; or if
not, give it to me. The old
man has been free from
his birth: is a hatter by
trade. Says if there should

be a fight here he must
lay aside his drum &
take a hand in it. He has
no partiality for the Yankees
& believes they are not the
people to give the negro his
rights: thinks the Southern
people treat them far better
than the Yankees would.

In the evening observed
the camp-fires: walked
on the ramparts & looked
over the quiet waters
lit by a somewhat hazy
moon towards Fortress
Mouroe & Newport News.

To-night, Tuesday Sept.
10th is the night when
according to the writing
on a shingle picked up
on the James an attack
is to be made on Norfolk.

During the night heard
several times the voice
of the sentry on guard on
the rampart hard by.

Capt. G. gave me a grape shot
much rusted away dug up
here & no doubt a relic of
the battle of Craney Island
in last war with Great
Britain. Wednesday morning
returned at an early hour
in a sail boat to Norfolk.
beautiful morning; fine
water & scenery, charming
sea-breeze. Several Craney
Island volunteers in the boat
on a visit to Norfolk; fare
25 cents. Landing in Norfolk
I returned to National: walked
round to the Academy on
Catherine St. had quarters
of Capt. Elliotts Grays from
Richmond. Capt & one

of the editors of the Whig.
bought some figs & Scuppernon
grapes & sent them by Express
to A. in Petersburg. The
basket I sent them in
bought from an Irishman
in a cellar near the Market
who manufactures them - a
nice basket with a cover to
it; cost 90 cents the figs cost
50 & grapes 40. They were
damaged by a delay of 24
hours the Express having failed
to deliver them. About the
streets observed groups of
soldiers with their guns
a military police. Noticed 4
horses drawing a cannon:
one of the horses becoming
refractory an artillerist
beat him & kicked him
which only made him more
obstinate: the 2 horses in

front were then detached
& the other 2 carried off
the cannon. Walked to
the Norfolk & Portsmouth Ferry
landing place. Saw Gen. Huger
on horse-back ride out from
the ferry-boat followed by
a youth on another horse.
The general a fine dignified
looking officer. He rode on
to Harrison's Farm & reviewed
the regt there & expressed
himself much pleased with
them as I heard. I crossed
over to Portsmouth. The boat
crosses in about 10 minutes.
Walked about Portsmouth.
Met Rev. Mr. Humix Chaplain
to Col. Pryor's regt at Barwell's
Bay. He says the proper
name of the place is Bay's
Hack so called after a

former resident there.

No Permit is necessary in
visiting the Marine Hospital.
Went at night to Theatre
to hear concert of amateur
musicians of Alabama
rept. music vocal & instrumental
both. 2000 persons present.
The music was good & the
performance entertaining
but I should have been
better pleased with it if
it had not been done in
the style of Negro minstrels.
which in Norfolk they
use rain-water which is
abundant this season.
Norfolk which promises to
be an important city in
the new Confederacy ought
to be supplied with water
from Lake Drummond.

Sept 21st I have of late neglected
this diary. In the meanwhile
nothing of extraordinary interest
has occurred: Soldiers have
continued to pass through
Petersburg. 2 regiments have
passed through from Richmond
on their way to Norfolk: one
of South Carolina the other of
Alabama sent to take the
place of 2 regiments sent
from Norfolk to N. Carolina
in consequence of the Hatteras
affair. ~~Last~~ ^{day before} yesterday Mr
S. read me an extract
of a letter from Charleston
dated 17th saying that
a ship sailing under British
colors from England via
Nassau New Providence
in the West Indies had
run the Blockade & reached

Savannah bringing 32
rifled cannon 6,500
rifle guns - leather, percus-
sion caps &c. The papers
have been requested
to say nothing about it.
It is said to-day that the
Govt had directed the Express
paper here which had "set
up" the intelligence not to
publish it & it is said that
5 more ships with similar
cargoes are expected. The
captain of the ship also
reports that Genl John Russell
had announced that he
was ready to hear the
propositions of the Com-
missioners of the Confederate
States. But it does not appear
clear how a sailing vessel
could have brought that

news for if known it
would have come by
the Steamers. The shipment
of the contraband cannon
etc was probably worked at
by the British Government
by so it spurs strongly
at raising the blockade
of recognition of the inde-
pendence of the Confed-
-erate States.

While in Norfolk I visited
the Navy yard. It was
very difficult to get in
but I succeeded by the
courtesy of Mr B — who
introduced me to Capt.
Robert Yerram. I went
^{about 9. A.M.} over in a boat ~~about 9. A.M.~~ rowed by
negroes in uniform. Some
five or six officers of the yard
in the boat. Capt Sinclair,

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Mr Fairfax, Capt Parrish,
&c. I spoke not a word in
Crossing. The officers conversed
on the dangers of the Hatteras
coast at this season: said
the Yankees had had great
luck: that their ships
could hardly get ^{down} inside an
equinoctial near that
coast. Landing at the
Navy yard I proceeded
with Capt P. to the
head-quarters of Commodore
De Forest an aged officer
who has sacrificed a
fortune of \$100,000 at
Alexandria by joining the
Southern Confederacy. The
Commodore was not in: I
met there Mr Barron Hope
the poet of another gentleman
who had met me many

years ago at Prince
Edward Court House.
Capt. O kindly took me
with him through the yard
& explained matters to me.
We passed the Blacksmith
establishments, went through
the foundry where they
were moulding things: saw
there the manner of making
spherical case ^{shells} balls. They
are like the Minnie
rifle balls: cost \$10 apiece
they are cylindrical or conical
at one end: the base of
the cylinder is leaded
to yield to the of the
rifled cannon. There is
a groove for tallow. They
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by an apparatus they cause the water to bubble if there is any ~~leak~~ crevice in the ball. Those that are defective may be ^{still} fired; but only as common solid cannon balls they are styled "dead". Walked through the Pattern room where they make wooden models to mould with.

In another room saw beautiful instruments destroyed by the Pandal Yankees. In another saw the process of rifling cannon: they turn out one per diem. In another place saw them making bands for cannon a new invention.

Sept 20th Saturday. Saw at Peachontas Depot 2250 Yankee prisoners under guard of 70 soldiers. The prisoners were

in open flat cars: the guards distributed among them at intervals. Water was handed them in buckets. Two negroes accompanying the guards & assisted in giving the prisoners water. ~~About 50~~ ^{some} of Corcoran's ~~left~~ ^{left} were among them. The cars passed right through with them. There was a crowd present to look at them. Sept 20. Rev. Mr. Hedd preached at Washington A. Methodist church a discourse addressed to Capt. Laurens' company which is to go away on Thursday next - to Sewells Pt. The Burtow Rangers a good company of cavalry are quartered at Poplar Lawn. A factory is fitting up for a hospital for

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Nth. Co. of Soldiers. One
of the Prisoners fell on
the cars on Saturday &
broke his leg which had
been twice broken before;
he was sent to the hospital
at the Institute.

Sept. 25th. Gen. Kirby Smith
styled by Beauregard the
Blucher of the Day at Manassas
having recently married at
Lynchburg arrived here
yesterday & his bride being
a friend or relation of Mrs
John Donnan - The General
& Lady stayed at Mr D's
on Perry St. In the evening
Capt. Platt with his battalion
of Cockade Cadets of Independent
Guards waited on the General
at Mr Donnans & made
an address which was
briefly replied to by the

General. The companies
& crowd cheered & the
drum accompanied. Last
evening I saw at the
St. Side depot a soldier
lately struck by lightning
near Yorktown & disabled
on one side from his hip
down: he was in a wagon
at the time - a mule was
killed: the soldier cannot
walk was carried from
the car by 2 men: but
he suffers no pain. His
father came to meet
him & take him home.
The cars from City Point
connecting with the Carter
Peck arrive about 8 p.m.
Soldiers arrive every evening
from James River some on
furlough, some sick, some
on business. Occasionally arrive

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a coffin with a dead body.
I noticed a ^{rich} soldier brought
on a cot & some very weak
walking supported by others.

Sept. 26th. Last evening
250 more prisoners passed
through en route to N. Orleans.
The papers say that they are
to be escorted to the parish
jail there by a colored com-
pany. Floyd takes command
in the 11th West - Wise being
transferred to another command.
Observed a great deal of
freight at Pocahontas dep't -
kinds of m'lams, pig iron,
boxes, bales, iron machinery
vegetables &c &c. clouds of
dust. Mr B. from Richmond
says that he heard from
a telegraph operator that
they are fighting at Arlington
heights & that according

events will occur within
48 hours: i.e. there will
be another great battle
near Washington. But
the Equinoctial storm
appears to be brewing & it
is raining this evening
so that it is hardly probable
that there will be any
pitched battle within a
week. It is to be hoped
that some of the U.S. ships
at Matanzas will be foundered
or wrecked on that coast
shortly & that the forts
there may be recaptured.
An expedition has sailed
just now for the Southern
coast - not the most
auspicious season or
weather for it. Saw
some 15 or 20 females at

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work in an upper room
on Bycamore street with
4 sewing machines - making
gaiters for the soldiers. The
ward committees are col-
-lecting blankets about town
for the soldiers. Part of
them will be given from
fear of popular odium, part
for the show of ^{liberality,} generosity,
part from patriotic bene-
-volence or real sympathy. Gen.
E Kirby Smith with his bride
went away early this
morning en route to Florida
to see his mother and so
he brings her only son, not
yet ^{wholly} recovered from the effects
of the wound rec'd at Manana.
The quid nuncos, gossips
of croakers "chimney corner
knaves" as Washington
styled them continue

to criticize the conduct of
the Government & the Generals:
& to censure them for not
making an onward move-
-ment upon Maryland &
Washington. It is hard for
any one to refrain entirely
from this querulous carping
vein. A writer in the Engineer
vindicates Commodore Barson's
conduct ~~in 1862~~ at Fort
Matteras against the attacks
of those who accuse that
gallant officer of cowardice.
This writer states that the
number of the enemy
landed at Matteras was
~~supposed~~ supposed to be 2500
instead of 300 & they were
protected from assault by
the guns of ^{a large} the greater
part of the enemy's ships.

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The Examiner opposes the
re-election of Vice. Pres.^t
Stephens on the ground that
he was a supporter of Douglas
& stood out strenuously to the
last against secession. Salt
is very dear: ragged skin-plasters
abound: specie is banished.
Mrs Morton wife of Senator
Morton of Florida has arrived
in Petersburg: she came under
a flag of truce from Washington
where she has been for some
time under arrest: her baggage
was twice searched on her
way from Washington to Andrew
Monroe: yet she brought 2
revolvers. She is in feeble
health & on that account
was allowed to bring with
her a slave. It is said,
that Mr B. merchant

of Petersburg lately returned
from the North where he
had been since the commenu-
-ment of the war had all
his money taken from him
except enough to pay his
travelling expenses. The huts
for the Soldiers it is said are
to be built by them. T. T.
a carpenter then out of
employment has been to
portsmouth looking for work:
found none there: was offered
\$2.00 per diem if he would
go to N. Means. He proposes
to undertake the tanning
business being offered \$1. per
diem & his board. I suggested
this business to him some
time since. An early peace
is not desirable: a premature
peace prematurely patched up

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would probably be soon followed by a renewal of hostilities. Nor is an early raising of the blockade desirable. Mr C. thinks that the independence of the Southern Confederacy will not be recognized by England & France before Feb'y 1862 when the Confederate Govt will be put upon a permanent basis. A French Corvette the Lavoisier has arrived at N. Orleans bringing a mail. Prince D'Orignac has been appointed an officer under Beauregard. The Richmond Cosmopolitan of the Charleston Mercury announces that the Armstrong gun is about to be made in Virginia. This perhaps is problematical.

Sept. 27th. Friday. To-day
we have had apparently
the beginning of the Equino-
ctial Storm: but the sun
set nearly clear, & to-night
the Stars are shining. The
wind was high this afternoon
& evening. It is to be hoped
that the U.S. Armada which
lately sailed South, probably,
will be or has been damaged.
5 U.S. Ships were announced
in this morning's paper as having
arrived at New Port N.C. & 2
others on same coast: curious
time for the expedition! Mr
H — an Italian told me
two days ago, that a few
days before Commodore ^{Bea}rest
at the Navy Yard told
him that the Merrimac
would be at Baltimore

within a month! a singular ^{rather} communication to be made
by the commodore. I have not
been out to day owing to the
weather. At Princeton college
N.J. my alma mater - the
Union Students have ducked
under the pump a secession
student named Dubois
from Newark: 3 of the rioters
were dismissed by the
faculty & were escorted out of
the town in a barouche
with flags & music by 200
victorious Union Students & a
crowd of citizens. They
cheered the Union professors
& groaned at the houses
of secessionists. McLean
the President, known among
the students as "Johnny"
threatens to punish all
the 200 of to enforce ^{discipline} dis-

Coute que coute - even if
the billeg has to be shut
up. Dallas the late U.S
minister to England - a
Douglas man has made
a flaming war speech;
so also Daniel Dickinson.

Mrs Norton it is said
reports 170,000 soldiers in
Washington. The Washington
papers deny that there
is any battery at Matthias
Point. The Northern Goths &
Vandals are committing great
outrages in Nth West Virginia.
In Kentucky the Confederate
forces are seizing strong
places on the Mississippi.
We may expect to hear of
disasters at sea owing to the
Equinoctial storm. General
Walter Gwin has published

a letter vindicating his
conduct in the construction
of coast-defences in Nth
Carolina: his intemperate
habits are well known
at Norfolk: otherwise he
is an able & efficient engi-
neer. A Mrs Whitaker is
the authoress of some fine
verses on the battle of
Manassas. The allusion
to Barton's death is very
fine. Beauregard although
inferior in abilities to Johnston
is the popular favorite. Sherman
appears ^{to be} the real hero of
the battle: he & his brigade
bore the brunt of it 3 hours
without giving way: the
"Stone Wall" brigade.

Sept 28th. Saturday. The
paper this morning contained

news via N. York & Washington
of defeat of G. S. Mulligan ~~is~~
at Lexington Missouri: 3500
Federals by their own account
killed wounded & captured.
3000 horses taken, with guns
supplies &c. 2000 prisoners said
to be released. The Confederates
commanded by Price. He is said
to be a Virginian from Prince
Edward. Fremont censured
at Washington for not having
reinforced Mulligan. In Kentucky
Genl. Buckner said to be at
the head of 20,000 knights
of Golden Circle - probably
a great exaggeration. There
is probably also a mistake
as to ^{the} 3000 horses captured
at Lexington: as the number
seems too great for the Federal
forces there. A party went

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down yesterday from Pe-
terburg to present a flag
to Rayland Guards at
Sewell's Point. There were
200 of them & they requested
of Gen. Hayes the use of the
Steam-boat Wm Selden. He
somewhat doubtfully let
them have her advising
that she should keep
close under the guns of
the battery at Sewell's Pt.
The equinoctial gale
came on & the Wm Selden
could not land the passengers
& was blowing towards Fort
Monroe: she cut anchor &
it dragging towards that
Fortress they could not
raise the anchor & had
to cut the chain cable
with a chisel & so lost

the anchor & narrowly escaped
from the jaws of the enemy.
Mr. Butchfield editor of
the Express was one of the
party. Capt. Laurens' company
is to go to Norfolk next
Tuesday. There is a report
that Seward has promised
L^d Lyons to raise the
blockade in November. An
arrangement has been made
for the British to communicate
with their consuls in the
Confederate ports by means
of a war-ship. The position
of these consuls is singular
as they are in a government
to which they are not
accredited & with which
they can hardly communicate.
According to the theory of
the Lincoln administration

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no State has seceded: all
the 34 States are still in
the Union: the Confederate
States are in rebellion but
not waging war: The U.S
are blockading the Confederate
States & invading them with
large armies & have been
defeated in several battles
but still there is no war!
The operations of the U.S
army & navy are not to
~~keep the~~ restore the Union
because it has not been
dissolved: all these battles
are only to preserve the
integrity of the Union! Mr
Madison said long ago when
you under pretence of preserving
the Union wage war upon
a part of it you ipso facto
defeat your own object &

throw the state warred upon
out of the Union: because
war of necessity dissolves
the Union.

Sunday Sept 29. A quiet day:
no news. Children say that
a ~~they~~ ^{company} of
soldiers, ^{Monday Sept. 30th} the Equinoctial gale
lasted only one day here. The
sky is clear as crystal & the
weather cool enough for fire
morning & evening. Bituminous
coal lump 25 cts pr bushel:
rail coal 22¢. wood said to
be \$5.00 a cord in Richmond.
Lard here 28¢ pr lb. Light
brown Sugar: brown 16 $\frac{2}{3}$: Molasses
75¢ pr gal. Vinegar 34¢. Ham
27 pr lb. Bacon side 27. Ada-
-mantine candle ~~270~~. 45¢.
Great battle near Washington
expected. There has been

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a skirmish at Memon's
Hill. 5000 of U.S troops
3000 Confederates: enemy
repulsed. Gen. Scott said
to be breaking down physically.
Wool reported to be in his dotage
memory failing. It is said
that the Merrimac will
try her strength in Hampton
Roads shortly. The arrival
of an iron-plated steamer
with cargo at Savannah
published in the papers.
The steamer belongs to the
Confed. govt. 5 others expected.
Monday Tuesday Oct. 15th 1861. The
papers bring a report that the
Confederates have abandoned
Memon's Hill &c and fallen
back upon Fairfax. It is also
reported that the Federals are
occupying the abandoned

posts & advancing upon the
Confederates: but this last
is only rumor. Johnston &
Burginard are not probably
^{merely} repeating the rumor of retreat
which succeeded so well ^{seen}
at Manassas. That would
to be too transparent. Both
armies are composed mainly
of Volunteers & the leaders
are on both sides very
cautious. President Davis
& an aide de camp have
gone to Manassas. A
great battle is expected but
upon what ground does not
appear. Capt. Laurens' ^{of}
company the Confederate
Guards numbering about
70 started this morning
by rail for Norfolk. The
Capt. a Methodist preacher

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was disabled from preaching
by a throat affection. The
U.S. lines opposite Washington
extend 16 miles - 12 miles
in a direct line. The Potomac
there is the arc of a circle
Washington city being on
the $\$$ outside of it. The
fortifications are numerous
& strong as also on the Maryland
side of the City. The Enquirer
justly denounces the Shingplaster
currency as an intolerable
nuisance. Mr J. J. Campbell
has been appointed Receiver
 $\$$ for Petersburg under the
Sequestration act. The
office is worth it is said $\$$ 5000
per annum. The appointment
is made by Judge Halyburton.
Mr S - is dressing boards
at his planing machine for

the new hospitals here.
He is still making wooden
shoes for shoes. There is much
talk of the speculators
engrossing provisions and
charging exorbitant prices.
Messrs Mason & Hildell
Commissioners to England
have left Richmond for
Europe. Gen. Wise has
been recalled from the
North West & is to go elsewhere.
Vice President Breckenridge
is said to be on his way
to Virginia. Met this evening
at the depot Dr. R. assistant
Surgeon just starting for
Yorktown: his pay is \$40
per month. He is a brother
of Beverley R. of the
Confed. army. Mr L.
showed me a letter

from the Commissioner of
Patents - patenting his
new cannon. Mr L is
getting one made in
Petersburg by J & L - at
their foundry.

Weddy Oct 2. To-day warmish
cloudy & rainy. I have not
been out & have heard
no news. According to the
papers a great battle on
the Potomac is imminent.
It may be again fought on
Bull Run. The Indegar
works made 1200 cannon
for the U.S. Govt. every one
of which stood the test.
The papers publish a long
letter from Prince Napoleon
giving an account of Washington
the army, government & c.
It appears to be sensible & candid.

He describes Lincoln as a man
~~and~~ elevated from obscurity:
physically a giant - with
a pleasant face: stoop shoulders
with an air of embarrassment
& timidity. ~~He says~~ The
Prince says that Sevard
is small - with an expression
of cunning, intelligence, &
some conceit: that he has
however some sterling qualities:
The prince however does
not mention what they are.

He describes the U.S. Govt
as a mobocracy governed
by men of low grade.

Thursday Oct. 3. No news. Saw Dr
D & Dr K - examining surgeon
from Norfolk: going to Yorktown.
The enemy have burnt the
dry dock at Pensacola, also
the Privateer Judith with 5 guns.

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