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June 30th (Sunday) 1861.
No news to-day. In the afternoon
a train of 25 cars arrived
with 5th N. Carolina regi-
-ment 800 strong from the
encampment at Garysburg.
Able-bodied men - armed
with percussion muskets.
Raining when they arrived.
They marched to New Market
where ~~the~~ a committee of
citizens were to provide them
a dinner. They had base
drum & kettle-drum: negro
drummers: in rear of some
of the companies 3 or 4
negroes marched with muskets
on their shoulders. Some one

said that the regiment was
bound for York town. H B
told me that Gen. Lee had
stated that two important
military movements of our
officers had been frustrated
by the newspapers. The
enemy at old Ft receive
the Va. papers through spies.
The 2 suspected Northerners
in jail here can give
no ^{satisfactory} account of themselves
& tell lies: they are probably
spies. The information obtained
in this way is probably equal
on both sides: so that we
gain as much as we lose.
Might not a locomotive &

car (mounted with cannon) be made bomb-proof & used to attack an advancing enemy. Would the concussion of a cannon-ball throw a locomotive off the track?

July 3rd. Monday. In afternoon walked over to Pocahontas depot. Saw company of recruits in blue uniform, without guns. Heard of capture of St. Nicholas steamer: A party of Marylanders under an officer named Thomas of Richmond, embarked in her bound for Philadelphia or Washington: party of 14 disguised as laborers. Thomas had arms in a large trunk: They armed themselves,

Sized the Steamer. There appears
to have been another party
of Marylanders assisting - number
not given. One of the 14 was
an experienced pilot; he steered
for the Rappahannock: took
two prizes, with 3500 bags of
^{or there} coffee, 200 tons ice, 200 tons
anthracite coal: The *H. Nicholas*
ran up U.S. flag: was hailed
by the Pawnee: gave satisfactory
reply: the prisoners being secured
below. The *H. Nicholas* with
prizes reached Fredericksburg:
39 prisoners sent to Richmond.

July 2^d Cavalry of Hampton's Legion
at Fair Grounds: The troopers

riding about the streets
the day being cool clear &
delightful after late heavy
rains. The rain interrupted
some farmers in their wheat
harvest: but is most propitious
for corn & late oats & gardens.
The ground after a drought
is well saturated: a good
prospect for crops in Virginia
& the South generally.

Several persons have contributed
magazines &c for the soldiers
reading-room at Fair
Grounds. Saw in the street
Capt Bridges of N. C. who
with his company at the

Edgcombe Guards charged
bayonet upon the Zouaves
at Bethel, recaptured Brown's
cannon & put the enemy
to flight - the turning-point
of the battle. One of McGrunder's
subalterns Worth from Richmond
with a small scouting party
advanced within 350 yds of
the Newport's New entrenchment
& alone fired upon a party
cutting wood killed 2 men
& a mule; the rest fled leaving
their arms & communicated the
panic to a Mass. regiment
outside of the entrenchment
who also betook themselves

within the works: while
Werth & his 4 scouting com-
panions retired in a walk
admiring the grand sensation
which they had contrived
to kick up. Prince Camille
de Polignac was in the
French army in the Crimea.
A letter sent from Petersburg
by Adams express to Louisville
for N. York costs 41 cents
postage. a red stamp on the
letter to N. Y. another on one
enclosing it
to some party in Louisville, 10
cents Confederate Postage &
25 cts to Adams Express.
At 10 o'clock to-night unex-
pectedly saw a splendid comet

a little West of Nth - the
tail flying Northward. Had
seen or heard no prediction
of it which seems very strange.

The ladies are busy making
clothes for soldiers. Again
saw cannon balls in the
Cars: they come from Richmond
& go South. In an attack
on a house of acct^r Gresham
on Potomac river the Freemen
fired 95 times hit the
house 16 times: came near
killing ~~an~~ an old lady in
her bed: but did kill
nothing but a mouse.
Parturient montes; moriturus
vindicatus mus. News this

evening of a British ship
wrecked near Cape Henry.
Wreckers landing her
cargo of coffee. Coffee
now selling at 30 cents
per lb. appears to be coming
in in the nick of time.

The ^{ci devant} U. S. Congress is to meet
on Thursday the 4th, when
Mr Lincoln in a belligerent
message will imitate his
prototype George III. In the
meantime Gen. Scott seems
to pursue "a masterly inac-
tivity."

July 4th, Thursday. A chemist
named Saidley at Richmond
while manufacturing fulminating

for percussion-caps
powder was killed & an assis-
tant wounded. Shops &c in
Penitentiary destroyed by
fire. Large sewing machine
agent examined before Mayor
of Richmond has been dis-
charged. Heavy firing heard
at Gordonsville yesterday
in the direction of Alexandria.
Pres. Davis by proclamation
announces the admission
of Tennessee into the
Southern Confederacy. A large
body of Federal troops under
Gen. Banks for ~~the~~ speaker of
H of R. have occupied Balti-
more, arrested Marshal

Kaye & other citizens & confined
them at Fort M Henry.

The reign of terror is complete
in Baltimore: it is Venice
in the grasp of Austria.

It appears that the St
Nicholas ~~was~~ Steamer seized
by the Marylanders was
in U.S. service running
from Baltimore to Washington.
Capt Atkins late of U.S. navy
got on board at Hookout
& when the Steamer was
captured he took charge
of the helm steering for
mouth of bone river where
passengers were landed

of 100 Japanese Soldiers taken
on board. The original plan
was to ~~attack~~ the attempt
to surprise board & capture
the Pawnee, but as she
could not be found the
party proceeded to mouth
of Kappahamock capturing
3 prizes one laden with
coffee, one with ice, one
with anthracite coal.
The St Nicholas a fine
large boat. The capture
of coal was apropos as
they had run out of it
& were breaking wood off
from the steamer to keep

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up the river: coffee & ice are
two great desiderata for
the Confederate army.
It appears that Capt.
Ward of the Freeborn
had arranged to meet
the St. Nicholas on her
passage at the mouth of
the Monac to give her
a pass up the river but
he having been killed
a few days before this
arrangement failed.

The papers publish a cor-
-respondence between
McGruder of Butler. Mc
Gruder gets the better

cadets encamped on ~~the~~ Poplar
Lawn: they fired a salute
of musketry at 12 o'clock.
Capt. Pannill's Light Horse
Home Guard were also
on the lawn. This morning
Capt Clay Tate with his
Rangers left the Fair
grounds on their way
to join Wise's legion
in the mountains of
Nth Western Virginia.
Yesterday arrived some
of the last companies
of the Alabama 8th
regiment: the men of this
regt were well armed.

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This morning arrived a
Company of 80 - the Troop
Artillery of Athens
Georgia good-looking men
in yellowish home-made
Uniform - roundabouts.
Swords. 4 guns 3 6 pounders
1 of them rifled & 1
12 pounder. The rifled
gun fires a ball coated
with lead: each gun is
hauled by 4 horses: each
gun is followed by a caisson
for powder & ball. a spare
wheel is carried for each
gun. Yesterday saw
2 Companies apparently

of raw recruits marching
down Lycamore St. shabbily
dressed, dusty, awkward
but good humored: in
the rear of one company
was a drunken recruit
~~arm~~ arm in arm
with a negro also of
the company who was
supporting him & enacting
him to Hager along:
the negro was in a
broad grin diverted
at the business he
had on hand. ^{Wade}
The horses of the Hampton
Legion said to be blooded

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not large, long-legged,
in their good marching
order. The Petersburg
"Rifle" Home Guard
have been furnished
with old flint-lock
muskets by Col. Brockett
of the militia. The musket
is better for them than
the rifle. The Petersburg
(Home Guard) Flying
artillery have 1 gun
an old trench piece
disintereed some time
since, on the delectable
Heights. There are now
5 companies in Petersburg

Cook M^{rs}' Home Guard,
Capt Laurens' Home Guard
Capt Platts Cockade Cadets
Capt Pennill's Home Guard
Light Horse &

Flying Artillery.

Besides there are the
militia who muster
weekly. Some of them
5 companies are not
as yet exempt from
militia duty.

Virginia Cloth clothes
sold in Petersburg purporting
to be of ~~brex~~ cloth
manufactured by ~~brex~~
in Richmond & made

up in Baltimore. Qu?
may not the Virginia
cloth be manufactured
Nth of Mason & Dixon?

Mia Anna noticed
that shoes she bought
for the children had
the names of the Mass.
shoe-makers rubbed out.

There is no doubt
much smuggling going
on between Nth & Sth
of that kind of business
will be kept up.

July 5th Head dispatch on
bulletin board of "Express"
Office, ~~for~~ that passengers from

Rinchester report 2 engagements
between Johnston & Patterson
near Martinsburg in both
of which the enemy were
repulsed with heavy loss,
that they were surrounded
at or near Martinsburg.

In the evening saw 600 N.C.
troops at Farrants part of
6th regiment from Western
part of N.C. appeared to
be armed with Mississippi
rifles: had drums boy drummers
and more the they marched
over to cool Spring on the
other side of the river to
eat their supper provided

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by Petersburg relief committee.
Heard that a colonel of
Louisiana regiment had
been killed while with
a scouting party from
Yorktown, by Duryea's Zouaves.
A Va. officer is said to
have been killed at the
same time. The scouting party
consisted of 150 men, they
were attacked by the
Zouave regiment.

July 6th. This morning
was news of 3rd Va. Regiment
wounded: commanded by Col.
See. Saw another Bulletin
this morning. The wife of

of a col. in Johnston's army
~~was~~ rec'd a letter from her
husband saying that 3
engagements took place
on Thursday the 4th of
July in each of which
the enemy was defeated with
heavy loss: they had been
outflanked by our people
at Martinsburg. Johnston
had given notice to the
inhabitants of the village
to withdraw & had sent
to Brauerford for reinforce-
ments. Martinsburg is in
Berkeley County which
gave a large anti-secession

oste. This county borders
on Maryland which is
there a narrow strip
separating Va. from Pennsylv-
-vania. It is said in
the Northern papers that
Patterson is to be superseded
by Fremont formerly candi-
-date for the presidency
a bastard son of the South.
Gen. McClellan commander
in the Northwest is said
to be the best officer
Lincoln has in the field.
Manfield is also highly
spoken of. Scott is a traitor
& nearly supersannated.

about 50,000. But it is
only conjecture as none but
the military men can know
about it. ~~The~~ Beauregard
made a requisition on the
Fauguier people for negro
laborers & a large number
were sent promptly. Fauguier
has a large slave population.
The Gen. also made a requi-
-sition for wagons which
were abundantly furnished.
Such is the self-sacrificing
spirit that animates the
South. Such a people
cannot be conquered &
if they could be, could

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The deserters from the
troops at Lynchburg
arrested here, drunk, in
Pocahontas, has been
sent back to Lynchburg.

Mr N - mentioned to me
that Lieut M. of the
Engineers gives it as
his opinion that the
peninsula between the
James & the York presents
a number of admirable
defensive points. If the
enemy should undertake
to land an army say at
Burnell's Bay it would

take them 24 hours; during which they would be exposed to fire of heavy guns, a ball from which would sink one of the canal boats which ^{they} would disembark from in. After landing they would be opposed at strong points on their route. Mr N thinks it impossible for the enemy to get up to the head of York river. Col. — expressed to me a week ago ^{the opinion} that the enemy would land on the south side of

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the James & would capture
Petersburg. At any rate
it would seem to be
well to entrench strong
points about Petersburg:
but this is for the military
men to judge of: perhaps
entrenchments thrown
up here might ensure
to the benefit of the
enemy if they could
capture Petersburg. In
case Petersburg should
fall into their hands
they should march
hence for Richmond.
The bridges there would

probably be destroyed to
stop them: then the
question would be whether
they could ford the
river there in face of
an opposing army: Got
ready at Noulth's by Noulth
some half dozen bundles
of magazines & books for
the use of the soldiers
quartered at Peter's Bay
Fair Grounds. There
are no soldiers here at
present. My son writes
from Georgia that ^{the masses} ~~all~~
there are united in the
war: the few that still

Stand out against he
thinks honest but unin-
formed & will be all
right when they find
that they have been deceived
by the North. It is certain
that these honest people
are somewhat slow
in making this discovery.

July 6th. Saturday. In afternoon
went over to Beahontas depot.
saw there Col. Smith principal
of Lexington Military Institute
now aide de camp of Gen Lee.
a tall slender man in military
frack, cap & wearing gold spectacles.
not so old-looking as I had supposed.

He was on his return from Norfolk.
Noticed some gun-carriages on
the cars for Richmond; made
I was told by Van Pelt on
Halifax St. here. In depot
saw pile of small sized cannon
balls apparently newly made.
Mr D. - railroad clerk told
me he was about sending to
Richmond 1200 kegs gunpowder
from Peterburg Magazine,
purchased from the City authorities,
I suppose, by the Confederate
govt. Some months ago
Dupont the Delaware manu-
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a considerable quantity of

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powder in the magazine here
of the corporate authorities of
peterburg bought it. It is
advertised for sale in lots of
from 1 to 5 kegs. Mr B-
Supt. of S. S. road says that
he is sending powder of
other ammunition to Lynchburg.

The news is conflicting: the
bulletin of the express asserts
on authority of Senator James
M. Mason who left Johnston's
camp yesterday Friday at
4 p. m. that there was no
fighting on the 4th: The
news of yesterday of the battle
on that day came on authority

of ex-Govr Some of Maryland
& others. Col. Taliaferro of
Johnston's Division just from
Winchester & stopping at Jarratt's
reports that Govr Letcher
informed him to-day that
according to a telegram recd
by him Johnston & Patterson
were fighting yesterday
the 5th, & the battle was
going on: that the loss
was heavy on the enemy's
side; that Johnston had
captured all their artillery
& had sure cut off their
retreat: that he (Taliaferro)
had no doubt but that

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Houston would capture
Pattersons entire army. In
these conflicting accounts
it is safest to suspend
judgment for further news.

The impossibility of getting the
truth on these occasions is
a satire on humanity. It is
said that Col. Stone with
8000 men at Point of Rocks
will march to reinforce
Patterson & Beauregard will
send reinforcements to Houston
& the question is, which
will reach Martinsburg first?
It turns out that it was
not Col. De Russy who was

killed by a scout but Col
Drew of ^{the} Louisiana regt.

~~There is news of McGowan's~~
~~having struck a blow at~~
~~Newport's News. but the~~
~~action does not appear~~
~~to have been of much~~
~~consequence. but sent a~~
bag of red-badges over to
Richmond: they are of red
flannel to be worn on the
left shoulder as a distin-
-guishing mark: made by
the Ladies here under super-
-intendance of my mo^rther.

The Ladies sewing circle of
the Tabb St. church are

arranging to work for the
Soldiers. A requisition has
come to Richmond for
1000 sand bags to be made
up. The ~~bodies~~ women
of Va. are lending their
aid nobly. There never was
a war sustained by such
a spirit: This evening a Georgia
company arrived. I now hear
the whistle of a train bringing
600 N. C. soldiers the remainder
of B. Lee's regt. the 6th.
severe comments are made
by some persons on the S. C
regt which has disbanded
of some home at this critical

some conjecture. A ^{letter} writer
in the Express says that the
comet did not predict the
war for it came after it
but. it predicted a battle
& as the star was to the Nth
& the tail to the South it
predicts a battle of the enemy's
flight - in which they will
show a straight coat-tail.
Saw Mr B - he has been on
a visit to 2 nephews near
Norfolk one at Brancey
Island; the other at Harrison's
farm. found the young men
very pleasantly situated.
Sate down yesterday to

an excellent dinner
in Spicer's mess-room - fish
crabs, poultry, vegetables &c.
He thinks that the camp
our lines there are impreg-
-nable: 15000 troops very
well drilled. The Petersburg
troops are at Harrison's
farm: his 2 nephews
former pupils of mine
1 of them a Lieut: The
Other a private. Visitors ad-
-mitted freely.

Mr A - who has been agent
for selling N. Dispatch tells
me that for some time it
has ceased coming here as
the demand cannot be
supplied: 20,000 Copies
sold daily in Richmond:

Evident signs in the foreign
news that France is preparing
to recognize the Southern
Confederacy. Among the
men captured in the
Privateer Sauter are Spaniards
Portuguese, English & Irish.
If the Englishmen are exe-
cuted as pirates John
Ball will exact his share.

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Martinsburg is not far from
Harpers ferry. Manassas
junction - junction of 2
rail-roads is in ~~the~~ Prince
George County. U.S. Congress
met on the 4th. 150 members
present. Grow of Pa. elected
Speaker. Stensrud of Tenn
the waiter clerk of Senate
via Asbury Dickens
resigned. Buchanan of
Powell of Kentucky, McK
of Missouri, Kennedy of
Peavey of Md of the waiter
Andy Johnson of Tenn.
took ^{the} seats in the Senate.
A telegraphick abstract

of Lincoln's message was
recd at Augusta Ga on
the 5th & appears to-day
in the Examiner.

July 8. Very hot yesterday
Sunday & to-day: no news.
The various reports of battles
between Johnston & Patterson
turn out to be non-entities.
The impossibility of getting
at the truth is unaccountable.
What motive can our
people - the well-affected
have in propagating false
reports. Some of them perhaps
may emanate from Virginia
submissionists alias Tories.

It would serve their purpose
to make the Southern people
ridiculous by swallowing
their canards alias
lies. on the other hand
the ignorance of our people
of the movements of our
military is a proof of
their wisdom in knowing
how to keep their own
counsel. The sum of what
we know is that Patterson
with his column is at Martins-
burg: that Jackson after
some skirmishing had
retreated before him
losing his camp: & that

Shuston was within 6 miles
of Martinsburg. According
to the Northern papers McClellan
in the Nth West is within
2 days march of Martins-
burg. Beauregard is ⁱⁿ 2
or 3 days march of the
same place. Now Mr Grier
a native of Pennsylvania
has returned with another
minister from N. Carolina
to the North. Their return
in that capacity is out of
the question. Capt. Ashby
of the Fauquier Black
Horse company wounded
in a skirmish is dead.

A son of Judge Tyler
of the same county has
been killed by some of
our own men by mistake.

A letter writer mentions
that this comet different
from others revolves "like
the 7 pointers" around the
Nth star. This may be
interpreted that the war
is an unjust & unconstitutional
invasion from the Nth
of that great calamities
are to befall it in conse-
quence. The Lincoln's
message it is said calls for
400,000 men & 400 millions of money

Supposing the 400,000 men &
other expenses of U.S. Govt
to amount to 400,000 millions
a year. of the war to last
7 years it would amount
to the sum of 2800 millions
of dollars. The interest on
this at 6 per cent. would
be 168 millions per annum.

Mr Robert Leslie of Petersburg
has gone to New York to
see about a ^{British} ship laden
with tobacco the Hiawatha
captured by the Blockading
Squadron. It is stated by
the counsel for the defendants
that France & the U.S both

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recovered ships captured
in Contisimili case by
the King of Naples during
the late civil war in Italy.
The Charleston Mercury
advises the leaders of the
Confederate armies to strike
at once & not give the
cautious Cuning circum-
-venting Yankees time to
mature their subtle schemes.
But *Cruique in sua arte
credendum est.* The
military men best understand
their own business. *Festina
Lente* is a safe rule: but
it would be certainly

bad policy to allow the
enemy to postpone the
campaign till cool weather.
July & August are the
months for the South to
put the scythe into the
harvest. Simon Cameron
Secy of War is said to be
on a visit to Fort Mifflin.
A deserter calling himself
Benj. Aker has been arrested
in Petersburg: he deserted from
Fort Parham & is supposed
to be a spy: has been sent
back to the Fort. In a
skirmish near Hampton
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horses of the Halifax
company all ran away:
the horses of the ^{Howitzer} ~~company~~
becoming alarmed also ran
off. ought not horses to be
trained to stand fire in
camp? But powder must be
used economically. A letter
writer thinks that affairs
at Fort Pickens are approach-
-ing a crisis. There have
been destructive fires at
Boston & Albany. The New
World a magnificent boat on
Hudson river sunk. Surely
this is annus mirabilis.
A considerable number

of volunteers arrived last night: the particulars about them I did not learn. 1500 N. Carolinians are expected to-night. Rumors this afternoon ^{1st} that the Brooklyn has surrendered at Savannah: 2^d that Johnston has retreated to Winchester: 3^d that the enemy are landing troops somewhere on the James river. Whether there is any truth in either of these reports remains uncertain. Attended a meeting at the Court house the Mayor presiding to make arrangements for

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paying respect to the remains
of late Gov^r Ellis of N.C. who
died a day or two ago at the
Red Sulphur Springs, Va.

Conversed with Mr W. of Bertie
Co. N.C. He gave it as his opinion
that Lincoln cannot borrow
the 400 millions at less than
25 pr. ct. We calculated the
present debt of U. S. at 200 mil-
lions of the other expenses of
govt at 50 Millions making
a total of 650 millions for
the 1st year of the war. The
interest on 650. M at 10 pr ct
would be 65. M nearly equal
to the entire revenue of the

U. S before the dissolution
of the Union. Mr W says
that the expense of each soldier
in U. S army in time of peace
is \$1000 so that 400,000 men
would cost 400. millions,
just the amt that Lincoln
calls for. Mr W thinks
that the expense of a
soldier in time of war would
probably be 50 per. ct
more than ^{during} ~~the~~ peace so
that it will be 1500 for
each soldier or \$600,000,000
for 400,000 soldiers for 1 year
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expenses of Govt 50 M
makes a grand total of
850 millions for the 1st
year: the interest on which
at 10 pr. ct. would be 85
millions or more than the
entire revenue of the U.S
before the dissolution of the
Union. I suggested that perhaps
the U.S. gov't would establish a
national bank & go upon paper
money as long as it would
run: Mr W thought the
scheme impracticable. I
expressed surprise at the
numerous false reports
propagated: & could see

no adequate motive for
them especially if emanating
from ^{the} well-affected: he attributed
them to mistake of the loose
ideas of the generality of
people who get hold of the
wrong end of stories. Gen Hill
the papers say has now the
command at Yorktown:
an excellent officer: it does
not appear where Col.
McGunder is transferred to.
Gen. Hill in ordering some of
his men to a dangerous
position at Bethel was
asked how long they
should hold it: he

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replied "as long as there is
a man of you left." Mr. W.
thinks that there will be
very little fighting after all
that it will be a war of
skirmishes: that the object
of the large armies called
out by Lincoln was to fight
the South back into the
Union & that failing ~~the~~
there will be a reaction
in the North & the war will
thus be stopped. I would
be glad to be able to
think so. The non fighting
on both sides is mysterious.

The expenses of Lincoln's

govt for the year ends in
July 1862 if the 400. ~~00~~ M
are voted him will amount
to 650 M. which if borrowed
at the rate of 13 per cent will
amount to ~~92~~ 92,500,000
for Interest alone for the
1st year of the war. Some think
that he will have to pay 25
per cent Int. The collection,
distribution & disbursing of
650 M will also amount
to a very large sum - perhaps
not less than 15 M. To
which is to be added losses
by frauds of contractors &c
which will be no small sum.

To pay all this Lincoln must rely mainly on the Customs the principal item in the U.S. revenue hitherto, but which it is supposed this year will not exceed 5 Millions if as much. The revenue from Customs for a week lately was \$15,000. Lincoln says that a debt of 600 millions of U.S. gov't. is not greater in proportion than was the debt of the U.S. at close of the Revolutionary War: but that debt accumulated during a 7 years war: to make the proportion fair the

6000 must be multiplied
by 7 of the interest (w^h con-
found) added.

July 9th. After the remains
of Govt Ellis of N. C. were
escorted from South side to
Southern depot to-day & thence
to St Pauls Church whence
the body was removed at
5 o'clock & conveyed by
railroad to Raleigh. Home Guard
Light Horse, Cochrane Cadets,
Home Guard, detachment
of Home Guard artillery &
escort of 150 from Raleigh.
There last were five looking
soldierlike
men of fine looking officers:

one of these Adjutant Martin
had lost his right arm.
Mrs Ellis (accompanied by another
Lady) was present - a handsome
woman. Noticed the subdued
tone in which the omnibus
porter called out "Sarratto
Hotel" at the S.S. depot.
I hear nothing yet of the
Commencement of the junction
of the railroads. It is remark-
able that for nearly 3 months
there has been no fire in
Petersburg. In all the confusion
of transporting soldiers no
fatal accident has occurred
& no collision on the railroads.

We have been in every respect
a favored people. No news
from the seat of war. The
heat to-day intense: a refreshing
shower in the evening. A Lieut
Selden of Va. of U.S. navy with
19 men have been captured
in Florida. Some prisoners
on parole in Richmond have
been arrested - by way of retaliation
as is supposed for the barbarous
treatment of the prisoners taken
in the Privateer ~~assassinated~~ ^{to now}
confined in the tombs at N.Y.
By the Foreign news we hear of
the death of the Sultan of Turkey,
of a fire in London (unexampled)

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Since that of 1666) the loss
estimated at 5 millions
£ Sterling or 15 Millions
of Dollars: annus misabilis.

July 10. Names of Committee of Safety
of ~~the~~ Petersburg
40 in number published.

It is now said that the reason
why Johnston did not attack
the enemy at Martinsburg was
that Patterson refused to remove
the women & children. If this
be so any town or city occupied
may be held in the same way.
Papers N.H. & S.H. - the Charleston
Mercury of N.Y. Tribune
complain of the hardness of
the military leaders in not

bringing on a battle. It
appears that Johnston has
fallen back to Winchester.
The Confederate Congress is to
meet on the 20th of this
month. It is now said
that Gen. McClelland
is making for Cumberland
Gap to reinforce the disaf-
fected East Tennesseans.

The U.S. Steamer *Whippewa*
laden with stores of powder
burnt & blown up. At
Washington they hear that
Beauregard has filled
the woods with troops from
Manassas Junction to Fairfax

Court-House. Many of Lin-
coln's 3 months men refuse
to re-enlist. Lincoln
Scott Seward & Co. on the
4th reviewed in Pennsylvania
Avenue 23,000 N.Y. troops.
A flag was raised on a pole
"the Star-Spangled Banner"
performed by Johnson's band
&c. The Ohio volunteers have
grossly insulted the Hon. Mr
Vallandigham: so much for
"free speech". Gen. Wise is
out in a long letter: caecothus
scribendi - even bello flagrant.
The N.Y. Tribune threatens Scott of
the administration for their

slow movements: it will be
fortunate for the South if
this should quicken their
pace. The N.Y. Times attacks
Lincoln & his war policy
vehemently. It occurs to me
that the recent reports of
Wharton's battles of the heavy
loss of the enemy may have
been a *mise de guerre*
emanating from our camp:
but this could hardly be so.
The Northern papers now say
that France & England &
Prussia will not recognize
the Confederate Govt. & that
as Lincoln's army will have

possession of N. Orleans by
the time the next cotton
crop is ready for market
the Lincolnites will sell
England & France the
cotton at a very moderate
price. But per contra it
is said that France holds
that Washington has no
more right to Montfermeil
~~that is~~ ~~St~~ alias Richmond
than the King of Naples had
to Sicily in revolt: & England
on this question ~~with~~ ~~ago~~ will
co-operate with France. N.B.
The Tribune formerly insisted
on hanging the leaders of

the Confederate Govt of
Army: but now it says
that "they will abscond."
Seward is the Mephistopheles
of American politics: Greeley
is a liar of the father of lies
& the truth is not in him:
he is the Robespierre of the
present Revolution.

In afternoon walked over to
Pocahontas Depot: no news.
At depot of ~~Southern~~ Norfolk
road saw them loading carts of
wagons with vegetables for
Richmond ~~pr~~: they are carried
by Adams' Express so that
the freight is probably

higher from Norfolk to Richmond
than formerly from Norfolk for
Steamers to N. York. But the
loss en route was much heavier
when sent to N. Y. the vegetables
being injured in the close
hold of the Steamer of a
longer time in transit.
Saw parcel of large cannon
balls boxes ~~to~~ containing guns
cartridges, belts, &c. ^{small} boxes of
prepared ammunition marked
1000 lbs. I supposed they were
perhaps cartridges. The cannon
balls & some other things for the
Yorktown Arms at Richmond.
— expressed the opinion that

the enemy would land at
Burwell's Bay & that they
could not be successfully
resisted there & they would
siege of ^{land} ~~land~~ ^{shore} up the
Norfolk & Petersburg road.
In an apothecary shop saw some
South Carolina soldiers returning
home: ~~to~~ they said that some
of them might return but
that they had been very
badly treated at Richmond
& could get little or nothing to
~~eat~~ eat there. I gave
10 cents for a glass of Soda
Water - double price: I asked
a boy the price of peaches

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small ones worth about 5 cents
a dozen: they come from Georgia.
What is the world coming to?
Rain again this evening. Heard
one of the committee mention
that 8000 rations had been
furnished the soldiers by the
citizens of Petersburg or some
of them. Enquiring how much
a ration i.e. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of bacon & $\frac{1}{2}$
loaf of bread cooking &c. cost about
 $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents which would make
the total cost \$1000. Heard it
said that the Richmond & Norfolk
people were making money out
of the soldiers charging them

exorbitant prices: selling
them a great deal of liquor.
Strange that no troops are
quartered at Petersburg
of no entrenchments made.
All the towns in Virginia
capable of being entrenched
ought to be as far as is
practicable - especially where
troops are quartered. Saw some
wagon loads of Aspers Ferry
Gun Stocks in the rough
destined for Fayetteville
N.C. Mr L - wheelwright
tells me that he has been
making wagons for the army
of gun-carriages: but had to

Hope you want of some materials
~~spring~~ I think. Says that they
are making gun-carriages at
Richmond of any ~~of~~ material
that they have. I yesterday
told Mr W- of the foundry that
he might have an old stove
a large one to make cannon
balls of: he is making Bowie
knives. Since the last
conards there is a remarkable
lull here. Mrs G- says that
I ~~to~~ remarked to Mrs G- that
this was a curious sort of
war ~~not~~ in which they don't
fight—they only prepare to
fight; just as we don't live

in this world — we only
hope to live. She said she
was of the opinion of one
of Dickens' characters ~~the~~
who couldn't see what
people gained by killing
one another. I added they
couldn't eat ~~their~~ enemies
them after they had killed
them. Mrs G thinks that
is the best kind of war
in which they don't kill
one another.

July 11th. Thursday. No news from
seat of war. To-day some volunteers
from Brunswick County came
to town in wagons cheering of

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Shouting. At Preshontas depot
saw telegram saying that 950
men of Col. Fisher's regiment
were to arrive this evening.

In depot saw collars, saddles
for cavalry harness: camp beds
like a lounge with 2 short $\frac{1}{2}$
mattresses: frame made to turn
on hinges in the middle so as
to turn over of hook the 2
halves together to make them
more portable. Saw a soldier
from Yorktown: he had a spy-
-glass which he said belonged
to Col. McGuider who the
other day "being a little how come
you so" chanced to break the

glass & ^(the soldier) he was going to have it
mended. His breath smelt of
grape. He said that the colonel
had a right to drink: appeared
to hold him in high admiration
& said declared that if ~~the~~
he ordered his men to fight the
devil they would do it. The
order now is that no more men
are to go over the Richmond &
P. road during the night. This
road cannot borrow cars like
the South Side & Southern
roads on account of difference
in the gauges, not having cars
enough hence the difficulty
of moving the troops promptly.

The ~~total~~ inattention to the junction of the roads after the Convention's ordinance seems to argue extreme bad management. Gov Letcher has started for the Northwest & the Examiner throws great ridicule on his visit there.

saw in depot boxes of ammunition - appeared to be bullets. also tierces of rice. J. N. who holds commission in engineer corps from S. Carolina tells me that he is about to embark in the Privatizing business. in the West point now at Norfolk: she is to get to sea

by the canal. He is to command the
marines: the steamer picked
men ready in Richmond:
\$40,000 raised in Richmond
& Petersburg for the enterprise.
I expressed the opinion that
the Privateers on trial at N. York
would not be hanged. This evening
some Georgia troops arrived: of
Col. Fisher's regiment the
line in 2 ranks appeared
to reach from Union to
Market St along Washington.
A good band of 14 performed
Dixie, Marseillaise, The
Old N. H. State & C. A very

five regiment every way
as far as I could judge &
learn. Col. Fisher was Pres.
of N. C. Central rail-road:
& has ^{some} engineers for officers:
one of them Capt. Wilson
who has a brother here. The
comet still visible in the North
to but waning: happy would
it be if the war should be
as brief. The interest on the
Lincoln Govt debt at the end
of July next may be estimated
at about 100. millions. Secy
Chase estimates the receipts
from customs & lands at 60
millions. a monstrous overestimate

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the interest for the year. The
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much more: but 15 would
be equivalent to the in rate
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the war of subjugation: says
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be only a hollow truce; which
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mean to agree to any compromise
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of Petersburg as stockholders
have the matter under consid-
eration & will take it up
to-day week. They wish to
connect the roads with the
wharf here. Judge P. who has
come over from Richmond reports
that the opinion there is that
it is going to be a long war.
A letter from one of the Washington
Artillery of N. Orleans to a paper
of that city says that there are
100,000 ^{of men} men encamped within 20
miles of \hat{N} where he is & that if an
aeronaught should ascend there
he might see 50,000
men in snow white tents.

The men are eager for battle
but thoughtful & serious: he
thinks that shortly there
will be fought thereabouts
a battle greater than any
ever fought in America. From
his appearance I should not
judge Beauregard a great man.
He looks like a bold clever
mediocre man: but his eye
is very fine. It is supposed that
the militia will be ordered out
here before many days. Some
suppose that Fremont will take
Butler's place at Fort Moultrie.

Sunday July 13th, 1861. Fine
cool Day: hail yesterday

Mr B. showed me the
Lynchburg Virginian for
to-morrow: a passenger
reports there a battle
between our forces &
Mc Bellan in which
the latter was defeated
with heavy loss. It is
prudent to await further
confirmation: "a passenger"
is rather an uncertain
authority for news. A col-
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this time is probable. The
same paper ~~states~~ states that
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now Lincolnite says that
Maj. Taylor the Flag of truce
sent from Richmond
to Washington excited a
great sensation there
as he bore what was vir-
-tually a demand of the
surrender of the capital -
an improbable story. There
has in fact been as yet
no important action in
this war - that at Bethel
though brilliant having been
on a small scale. Mr B

tell me that 5 negroes have
been arrested at the junction
of the South-side of Danville
roads. The men belonged
to the roads of wren found
armed with guns &c. They
exposed their designs to
a white man who got into
their confidence: they said
they expected a white man
(Lincolnite) to join them.
They are confined in Nottoway:
Mr B thinks that they
will be hung. The hope
of the predominant party
at the North rests on
suicide
an insurrection - John P. P.'s

scheme. After their armies
advance into the interior
of Virginia - it is supposed
by them that insurrection
will break out & spread
like a conflagration: a
panic will overtake the
South of its subjugation
then will be easy. This
is worse than the Crusades
for they spared the Masonic
women & children. M. L.
who owned \$20,000 worth of
Tobacco shipped in the Hiawatha
has just returned from N. Y.
by way of Louisville Ky.
He thinks that Judge

will probably decide against
the cargo of ship. Judge
Bretts an old man was
a zealous Democrat & is a
warm supporter of the Lincoln
Govt. Mr L - heard Mr
Everett's 4th of July oration
in N. York at the academy
of music: paid 1 dollar
to hear it. Mr L - was
not molested: says the
people of the Nth are thoroughly
united in their determination
to subjugate the South: he
thinks that they can raise
the 400,000 men & 400 m.
of money. This evening

I heard some hurraing
down town & shortly
afterwards a drum beating:
but dont know the occasion
of it. The Convention late
in June passed an ordinance
appropriating for the use of
the war that portion of the
City fund devoted to pre-
schools. N. Carolina less
exposed to invasion has
not suspended the school
fund. The school-system of
N. C. is better than that
of Virginia. The comet is
quite faint to night.

July. Fine weather: cool in the
shade. 3 or 400 N. C. troops of
3 regt. arrived this afternoon.
More expected to night. By
a dispatch recd here it appears
that Peppan (son of late Gen.
Peppan of Richmond) with his
Command was defeated with
considerable loss - being engaged
with a ~~much~~ a much larger
force of the enemy. There is
much dissatisfaction at the
^{apparent} tardiness of our military leaders
in suffering the enemy to make
such advances into Virginia.
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be caught in a hostile region.
The arms of modern warfare
the rifle & rifled cannon are
so destructive as to increase
anyment the horror of war
& perhaps to render it shorter
in duration as was the
case in Italy between Louis
Napoleon & Austria. Mr L
mentioned to me to-day that
the military authorities at
Richmond have had their attention
drawn to the matter of

entrenching Petersburg & had
replied that it is ~~unnecessary~~
necessary. ^{Gen Johnston} who commands
in Utah is it is said on his
way to Virginia: if he could
arrive in time to cope with
McClellan in the ~~North West~~
it would be well. The militia
of the Valley of the region between
East of the Blue Ridge &
North of the James river are
ordered out by the Gov. It
is said that the Rev. Mr Platt
will accept the command of the
militia regiment here.

Mr G- of the Halifax (Va) Blue
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Smoking. He is in delicate
health & was allowed to ^{join} remain
with the service as a special
favor. He was in the Bethel
battle: they did not know
he says that the number of
the enemy was so large or
that it was a great battle
till it was over. He assisted
in burying Maj. Winthrop: fine
looking man his face still
wore a smile. The Blues
changed their uniform because
it was the same with that
of the U.S. Marines: but their
new uniform Gray is common
in the U.S. army. Much

mischief is apprehended from
the similarity of uniforms:
but it will be as great on
one side as on the other.

Mr G wore a gray round
about with metal buttons.

July 15th, Tuesday: In the morning
saw at Sarratts 650 N. C
troops part of 3^d Regt. State
troops enlisted for the war.

A good many of the men looked
pale & sickly: from eastern
part of the State near Fayetteville.

They extended in 2 ranks from
Market St. to Coughlan's shop.
along Washington: no music.
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In the afternoon at Pocahontas
depot: on arrival of train from
Richmond met Mr B— who
told me that there was a rumor
there that Garnett's command
had been cut to pieces by
McClellan merely a report
brought by some passenger: it
will not do to swallow such
reports these days: as well
believe Manxhausen of Gulliver
at once: saw in the Examiner
account of Pegram's fighting
with 300 against McClellan
with 25,000! There is no doubt
that Pegrans command has
suffered severely: if it is believed

That after being wounded &
having a horse shot under
him he fell into the enemy's
hands. Seymour's loss is reported
to have been killed 75 wounded
150 of ~~our~~ prisoners 150.

Enemy's loss killed ~~40~~ ⁷⁰ wounded
~~100~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~prisoners~~

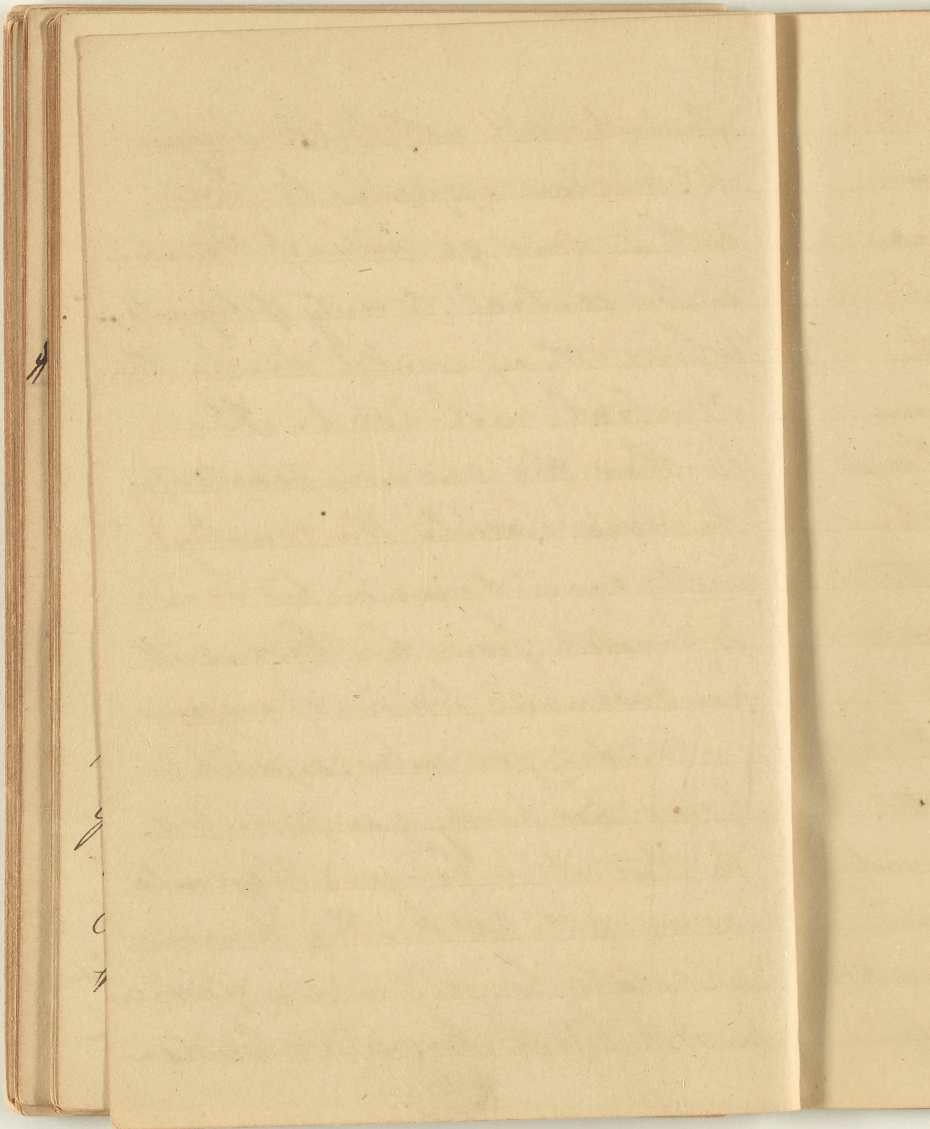
* Mr D mentioned to me
that the line for the junction
of the roads here was run
this morning: work to be
done by Confederate Govt:
said ~~the junction~~ it would
be finished in 7 days: it
will probably require a longer
time. saw box from Jackson
Miss. for this regt at Manassas

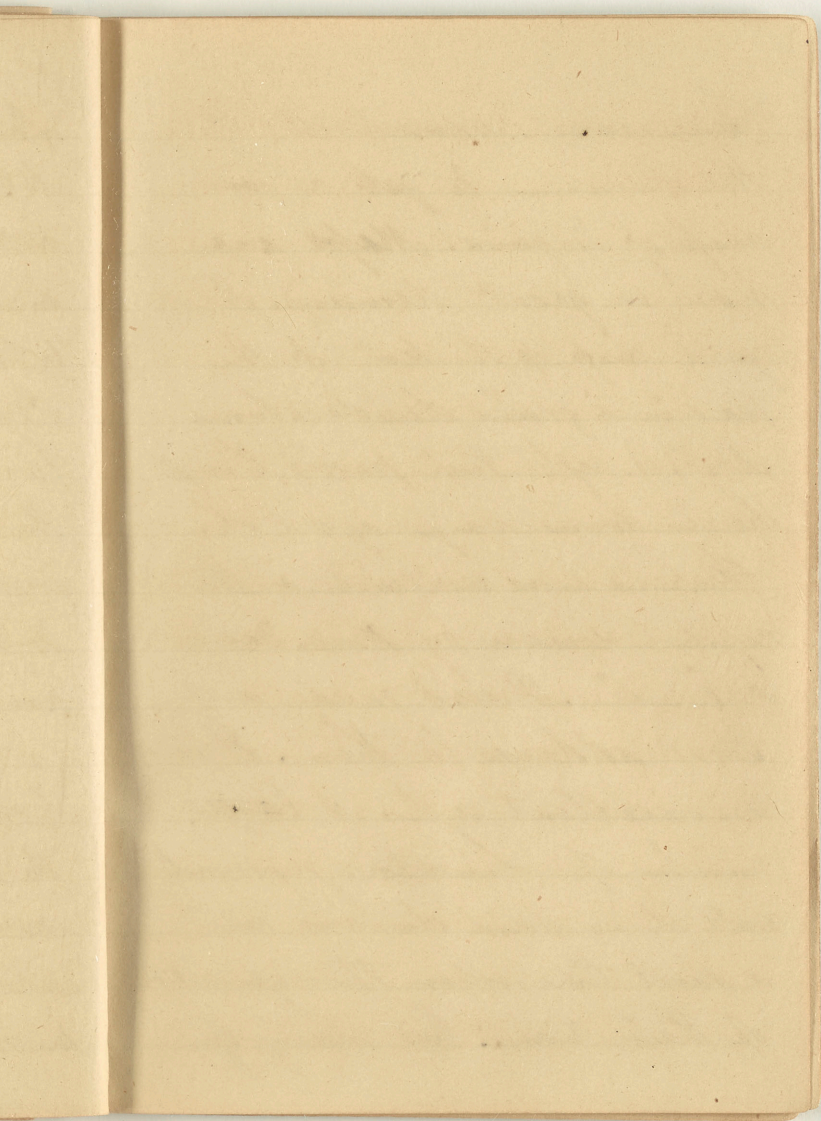
Junction. At Norfolk depot
a Louis company of Louis^a
regt. came up from Norfolk:
going to Yorktown: the
men looked like soldiers:
strong healthy & in good spirits.
handsome blue uniform
well armed: The company was
called "the Guards". officers
fine-looking: one of the officers
carried a small dog: one had
a violin: they ^{men} wore white
gaiters: they marched well.

At Express office saw dispatch
from Memphis: Great Battle
in the West. Gen. Ben McCulloch
with 12,000 fought ^{the} Lincoln

army of 14,000, killed 900
Captured ^{over} 13,000! ~~Loss~~ according
to this no wounded: if the
900 was meant to include killed
& wounded then the killed
would probably be between
2 & 3 hundred only: it is
improbable that with that
loss the whole of the enemy
would have ^{ended} surrounded. It
may be, however, that McCulloch
has gained a decisive victory.
Great confidence is felt in
him & his men. Groups of
citizens on the street canvassing
the news. At the library looked
at seat of war in Johnston's Atlas.

Laurel Hill not laid down.
McClellan appears to be
within some 90 miles of Staunton
in the central county of Augusta
where they would strike the
Central rail-road. The
farther the enemy penetrates
the more hostile the country:
with mountains in his rear:
separated from his base: with
an enormous train of wagons
extending for miles: exposed to
brave ~~his~~ hardy & ~~the~~ guerillas.
So that it is believed they could
never get back. They however
calculate largely on disaffection
in N^W West Virginia & Eastern





Tennessee. Advised Mr P
the Librarian to get a good
map of Virginia. Maps are
now in great demand. A
good map of the seat of the
war is a grand desideratum.
A N. C. rept. that passed through
here some days ago Col.
Fisher's was reviewed in the
capital square by Pres. Davis
& Gen Lee. Pres. D made a
short address to them. It is
an excellent rept. A large
number of Lincoln's regiments
will it is said disband in
a short time upon the expiration
of their term: but many of

them may subsequently re-enlist.

A French Steamer has arrived at Halifax where she awaits others & they will come South. The Hunter at N. Orleans having run the blockade took on board 50000 Enfield rifles from an English ship near Cuba & brought them back to the Balize.

Mr Breckinridge is not put on the Military committee of the U.S. Senate. Wentworth's paper at Chicago denounces Mr Crittenden's compromise views. Gen. Scott is reported to have had been getting information of

Beauregard's forces from an
Alabama Negro! The infamy
of Scott is complete. Nearly
one half of the Southern officers
in U. S. Service have not yet
resigned: but many of them are
in ~~it~~ abroad. The Confederate
Govt. at Richmond advertises
for 200 white girls to make
cartridges. There is one
company now at Petersburg
This grounds: requested the
acting commissary there to
have magazines & books contributed
for the use of the soldiers
here taken out there
July 18th, 1861. ^{wednesday!} Tuesday. In

the afternoon ~~about~~ walked
over to Pocahontas depot:
got there shortly after the
arrival of the train: observed
wagons loaded with tent-cloths
& poles: appeared to be
3 poles to a tent: (of pine) 2
of them cylindrical one square
-sided with iron band & pin
at end: wagons loaded with
what I took to be sail-cloth
& ropes: ~~had~~ heard that there
was a report in Richmond
that the enemy under McDowell
probably had attacked Beau-
regard & they were fighting:
~~at~~ the enemy advanced in 3

columns: At Norfolk depot
noticed a car loaded with
wheelbarrows, addressed
to Wmsburg which McGunder
is now fortifying: he has
already a strong work there
on Wallers farm on the
road leading to Yorktown.
This is all old historick
classic grounds: the scenes
of '76 are reenacting on a
larger scale: saw a mother
at the depot expecting to
meet her son there a volunteer
in a Petusbury company at
Norfolk: she said she supposed
they were fighting there: she

had understood that an attack
was expected there a week
ago: I told her that I thought
there was no reason to expect
an attack there shortly: she
replied "but they have taken
Buchannon & the next
thing they may take Peters-
burg." Saw 3 or 4 companies
of N. Carolinians with Enfield
rifles marching down Sycamore
St. At Sarratto noticed their
baggage - cots, camp-stools, chests,
tents, guns in boxes, buckets
&c. It is now reported here
that Col. Pegram was neither
wounded nor captured: that

Gen. Garnett was not killed:
but had repulsed the enemy.
In such contradictory accounts
the only safe rule is to believe
nothing or at the least as
little as possible. They say
that Gen. Lee has started
or is about to start for the
Nth West. It is also said
that ~~Mr~~^{Mrs} Davis has gone to
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marched up a road ~~a little~~
~~east of Nth~~ running nearly
North. 4 abreast. The ~~two~~ Brown's
Parrott Howitzer in advance
opened fire first: then the
other Howitzers at the distance
of 400 yds. or nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile.
Mr G's company with some
others were in ^{the} woods as
skirmishers. The men dug
holes with spades to stand in,
just before the battle commenced.
The Nth Carolinians threw up
an entrenchment during the
fight exposed to fire of artillery.
Mr G's company threw them-
selves down at every report

of the cannon: were told to do so by their major of the battalion. This battalion did not fire a gun. Col. McFunder informed them that they would probably be attacked: but the enemy unfortunately for themselves made the attack on the other side. Let led on by Col. Wintthrop of the regular army who was there an amateur. The smoke was dispersed by the breeze & did not prevent the enemy being seen. A deserter had come in & given notice of the enemy's approach: he said

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that there were 3 regiments
of them meaning the 3 from
fortress Moultrie, he not being
aware of the 2 others from
Newports News. McGunder
told the deserter that if
he told the truth it would
all be well with him;
if not he would have him
shot. McGunder is tall
fine looking with a red face
being fond of drink: ~~but~~ looks
something like Gen. Scott.
about 50 but young looking.
Greatly beloved by the troops.
On the day of the fight
he drank nothing but

water; filled his canteen
with it. When the enemy
retreated McGunder's men
remained for some time
in suspense not knowing
that they ~~so~~ had retreated.
At length intelligence was
brought to Mr G's battalion
that the Yankees were
all gone. & ~~the~~ H. McGunder
had ordered his people all
back to Yorktown. Joyful
tidings. When the cavalry
pursued it was only to
watch the motions of the
enemy but they supposed
they would be attacked

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hold them in check they
~~went through~~ wheeled a
cannon around & pretended
to be about to fire: but
it turned out as is said
that they had no ammunition.
On these occasions the
cavalry halted. McGuder
is now making or about to
make his head-quarters at
Mansburg. The day ^{at} before the ^{or day} battle he reviewed his ~~forces~~
troops at Yorktown 6000
men: a grand sight. That
was nearly his whole
force in the Peninsula.

at that time. He has
been considerably rein-
forced since. This

This evening saw at Jarratts
about 400 8th Carolinians
13th regt. Col. Hoke: a
flag had on it Ellis, Anson
Killemen: ~~the~~ More are
to come during the night:
the cheering at Jarratts was
very loud. Col. Fisher's
regt. has joined Mearns.
Wise is said to be at Hartston
in Kanawha county - the
region of the Sandy creek
expedition.

July 18th. Thursday. There passed

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through Petersburg yesterday.
40 prisoners taken in the
Peninsula (between the
Chesapeake, James & York)
en route to Raleigh, N. C.
for safe keeping. It turns
out the Randolph Guards
of Farmville which were
said to have been cut to
pieces at Rich Mountain
were not in the action, they
belonging to 44th Va. regt. com-
manded by Col. M. C. Scott
of Powhatan which retreated
without coming in collision with
the enemy. The Petersburg artillery
mentioned as being in the

Rich Mountain fight under
col. — who married a sister
of ^{the} late Capt Fisher probably were
from Petersburg a town in Hardy
County. It is stated in the
papers that Mr Breckenridge
spoke in justification of the
bill just passed calling for 500,000
troops for carrying on the war
of subjugation. I do not believe
the statement.

July 19th Friday. The news of
a battle at Manassa is
confirmed: it occurred on
yesterday at along Bull Run
3 miles N.W. West of Manassa
Junction. After skirmishes the

battle became general
along a line of one mile:
our people fighting within
their entrenchments: the
fight culminated at 4
o'clock P. M. & ceased at 5,
when the enemy retreated in
confusion towards Alex-
andria pursued by 2 regiments.
The enemy 10,000, Confederates
7,000. Loss of the Federals
estimated at from 500 to 1500.
Confederate loss 60. McDowell
commanded the Federals: Bea-
rheard the Confederates.
Col. Pegram is a prisoner; he
is said to be well acquainted

with McClellan - personal friends.
It is now said that ~~Dr~~ Atkinson
& his Hampshire Kidney company
were well treated & released
on parole. Gen. Garnett's death
is confirmed shot through the
spine the ball passing through
his body. McClellan reports that
he has taken 1000 prisoners.

~~from~~ It is now said that ~~Dr~~
Lynel was mortally wounded
& that his wife has gone
to be with him. One cavalry
~~company~~ arrived here this morning &
went to the Fair Grounds.
There is also a ~~foot~~ company
of infantry there. More

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troops passed through yesterday
of to-day. This evening I saw
about 600 5th Carolinians
at Jarratt's: 1000 more expected
to-night. Mr D tells me
that the work on the junction
of the railroads here will com-
-mence in a day or two &
be completed in 10 days:
I rather think it will be
20. Saw at Norfolk depot
2 big caanon painted red
with gun carriages. One of
the 5th Carolina soldiers
yesterday fell from the cars
while asleep it is said
& was killed: both arms

cut off: he was buried to-day.
The Home Guard Cavalry &
Cadets turned out on the
occasion. Some persons express
a wish that the newspapers
in the South could all be
suppressed - they publish so
much false news. The question
now is whether the enemy will
advance from Fortress Mouser
for Richmond. It appears that
part of the Harper's Ferry machinery
for making guns has been
lost or damaged: $\frac{1}{3}$ has been
sent to Fayetteville N.C
which is unfortunate as nearly
all the workmen have gone

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Here probably because they
can live cheaper are farther
from the seat of war & get
better pay: whereas if all
the machinery had been kept
in Richmond the work could
have gone on much better.

This seems to be a blunder.

Col. Buxton of ordnance depart-
ment has written a very
sensible letter on this
subject.

July 20th. Saturday. Col. Jew's
rept from N. C. passed through:
brass bands: officers on horses.

This rept. is enlisted for the war. N. C.
raises 10 repts for the war &
20 for 12 months. Troops

are coming through now
in large numbers. It is said
that 30,000 have passed through
Petersburg: perhaps not more
than 25,000. The accounts from
the Bull Run or Bulls Run
or Manassas battle are
that 500 of the enemy were
killed: some report that
900 had been buried & that
the burying still continued
some say that 1500 were
killed. Moore's Richmond
regt. is said to have charged
& repulsed the enemy or a part
of them three times. Some of
the Washington Artillerymen
of La were killed by shells.
(finished transcribing this Aug 14. 1866.)
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