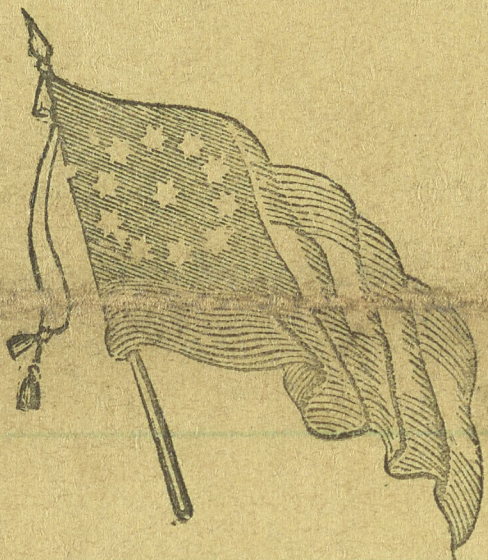


On, on to the rescue, the Vandals are coming—
Go meet them with bayonet, sabre and spear;
Drive them back to the desolate land they are leaving—
Go, trusting in God, you'll have nothing to fear.



Confederate States of America,

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Sold by J. W. Randolph, Richm'd.

Williamburgh May 8th
my dear wife and children I take up
a desec pencil and sheet of paper to in-
form you that I am well at present
thanks be to god for all mercies
to us in sparing our lives though
I have been through a great deal of
trouble I have been through
I came through well I am well
see by the paper before the storm
that we have possession of York
town and also Williamburgh
both of them were through forty
four days of water and after
making all our repairs
for a long time and a heavy
amount of labor they left
you know and last Saturday
night and fell back on William-
burgh it is 10 miles from
Yorktown well as I planned
them up on Sunday and
completely routed them an
marching after a severe battle

and had in killed and wound
ed is estimated at 2000 and
the Rebels at 3000 Besides
a great many Prisoners that
we have got and our men
are bringing them in every
hour in the Day so that I
can at day get from money
we can count of them get
have one or two thousand men and
they are scattered all over the
roads along the Roads leading
towards Richmond they have
the arms and everything they
had arms equipments and baggage
we can gather up arms by
the thousand and everything
that belongs to a complete
camp equipage and also take
a great many large barrels
bath at gettysburg and spillie
moultrie's I can get tell the
number for everything is in
confusion at present and some
of our men have some
may have to follow them up
towards Richmond as that

is the Direction they seem
to head for, all if they see
Lead of I think once I am there
there as soon as there is
as far as walking is concerned
I can do same of it with
out sleeping any and as far
as fighting the Rebels goes that
they never saw anything
like it before you will see
the powder has been all
all this so I assure you that
we are all very tired after
our arduous labors for the
last thirty five days and
by night and would like to get
a rest for a week or two but
if it is necessary we have
to go thirty five more and then
not half the you will see
die and what a Be le looks like
I will tell you they are a
God forsaken looking set of men
as ever I saw in all my life
I can't learn and not men with
half clothed and dirty are
better clothed than they are

I think they will soon be
played out I suppose there will be
great excitement in Pittsburg
the taking of Yorktown and
the retreat of the Rebels will
be considered the force on both
sides it is something to rejoice
about and what makes more glory
is so few lines last the
Boys are all well Charles
is well and hearty he got a
letter yesterday and a few
lines in it for me I have
been looking for a letter
from home every anniversary
and did not intend to write
until that one but this sheet
of paper induced me to write
a few lines to let ^{you} know how
we are getting along I saw
McIntyre yesterday and he is
well and hearty I sent you
twenty Dollars it is Charles
and I had not time to do any
thing more I have nothing more
at present may God bless and
preserve you all in my regards
James Calhoun