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pp 132 I have refused to order the surface of the lives of such soldiers useless and I think the declaration ought not to be taken as critism upon anyone but simply as a statement of facts of my own way of conducting operations. On the first of Oct. Gen Lee concentrating his forces made a very fierce & savage attack on Harrison in which the whole of a North Carolina Brigade was swept away, seven regiments entirely but to _____ in a vain effort to retake what our force had captured on the 29 of Sept so that the army of the James be safely entrenched within six miles of Richmond which again is the advanced position of all our forces operating against Rebel Capitol the best movement of the army of the James except that on the 27th of Oct when it made a demonstration against Richmond for the purpose of holding the enemy in the trenches while the army of the Patomic attempted to turn their left at Thatcher Run was that which has caused some little discussion in the community of late the attempt upon Wilmington to some of the leading points in regard to which I now wish to direct your careful attention as early as Aug last a fleet under Admiral Porter commanded to assemble at fortress Monroe immediately upon appearance of the fleet in Hampton Road instead of any attempt being made to keep the Expedition secret there commanded a flourish about it that is only equaled cackling of a hen when she is about to set on a single egg so that nearly every man in the country North & South knew where the fleet was going, you all knew, the Rebel knew when the fleet was pulling out pp 133 to be sent to Wilmington to such an extent was the publicity carried that _____ general Westel with gen grisham of the Naval Brigade has been sent to _____ the vicinity of Fort Fisher yet gen. Grant concluded tha the enemy was so informed of the purpose of the Expedition that it was not best to send any man at that time and did actualy refuse to do so causing the fleet lying in Hampton Roads for months claiming to be ready & counting what they would do to Wilmington afterwards for the purpose of trying the experiments & allowing the question to be tested what would be the effect of the explosion of a large quantity of powder in the neighborhood of a fortification to see whether it would have destructive effects which was claimed by some would have or whether it would result in comparative harmlessness Gen Grant determined to send 3000 men in and of the Navy & after learning the enemy were detaching forces to meet Sherman he increased the force to 6000, one half of which were Negroes hoping to surprise Fort Fisher upon supposition that Gen Bragg had carried of his forces to meet Sherman and therefore the fort would be found undefendable by any considerible force Gen Grant also hoped that a portion of the fleet would

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pp 133 run by the fort into Camp Fear River & by landing the troops and intrenching across the peninsula between the River & Sea blockade running at best might be stoped it was said that there was not sufficient depth of water to go up the river but since the fort has indeed been silenced there seems to be no considerable difficulty in getting most of the gunboats up the river I am inclined to the opinion that it was another waste rather than a waste of water that prevented the gunboats from going up the river by the fort while the enemy was in possession of the

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pp 134 fort Faragut was not there Although _____ Porter Telegraphed me which telegraph I have that he would be ready on the 8th day of december and troops wereready on that day__ yet we worked for the fleet at fortress monroe until the 14th of December when we Sailed for Chesapeek bay at 4'oclock PM We arrived at the place of Rondeveau appointed by Admiral Porter. Printed orders on the night of the 15th and there we waited three days while the Sun never shone more brightly in the Heavens while the Sea was never calmer But Still Admiral Porter did not come and the fort at that time was Substantly undefended as reinforcements did not arrive till the 20th of December_ Judge then of my Surprise when I Read one dispatch that the enemy was not Ready Soon Enough first, Second that we Sailed to soon.

Monday 20,1865
Tuesday 21, clear and beautiful
Wednesday 22 _____ _____
Thursday 23, Sunny all day
Friday 24 Cloudy & Raining yet
Saturday Feb 25
Sunday Feby 26 The river is rising very fast
Monday 27 the river still coming up
Tuesday Feby 28 And last day of the month, Tennessee River very high & rising pp 135 March the 1st day of 1865
Wednesday March the 1st the River Still rising all the bottom covered for three miles on Each side Making a surface of six miles where I am Staying & I am just preparing to take a ride on a small boat to a Steam mill about 2 miles distant & when I return I will tell you what I saw on the trip
Thursday March 2 1865 I said yesterday I was going to mill I did not go The River is still rising I have a notion to go to Mooresville to day if It quits Rain in time for me to get ther & back

The following

Behold how Pleasant & how good
For Buthrin Such as we
Of the Accepted brother hood
To dwell in unity
Tis like the oil on Aarons head
Which to his feet _____
Like humons does So Richly Shed
On your Sacred hills

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For there the Lord of lights & love
A blessing Sent with Power
O may we all this blessing Prove
Even life for Ever more
on friendships other using him
Our hands now _____ __
To live in love with hearts Sincere
In peace and unity

Friday March 3, 1865
I designed going to Mooresville yesterday But did not for it Rained all day & this day my right hip & thigh pains me very bad

pp 136 All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice
The temples completed Exalt high each voice
The cup Stone is finished to labor on
The sound of the gavel Shall hail us no more

To the Power Almity who ever has guided
The tribes of Israel Exalling their fame
To him who hath goverened our hearts undivided
Let's send forth our vows to Praise his great name

Companions assemble on the joyful day
The occasion is glorious the key stone to lay
Fulfelds is the promise by ancient of days
To bring forth the capstone with shouting & praise
No more from your friend till Death
James Jones of Pineville

The ------French minister What Foote Said

The Tribune Paris Correspondent Says M. Chateau Renard the new French Minister will soon leave for Washington he is said to fully Sympathize with the north in the present strugle

The Tribune Says that it learned from a trustworthy french source that the Rebel Senator Foote said, Before leaving for Europe that the Rebel Congressmen in Secret Session for Eight months passed regarded the cause as hopeless

Saturday, March 4th 1865
I have a very bad head ache this morning. The River is still rising. The Back water is more than 6 miles across

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Feb 24th Wilmington It announced
By Richmond Papers was occupied By gen Scoffeld forces on Sunday last
the capture of fort Anderson gave the Key to the position in the hands
of our army & the Surrender of the City was a consequence almost Infitable

I saw in the Same Paper that gold was coming down slightly & that hurts
the feelings of the Speculators worse than any thing that could took
place without it was the day of Death and Then judgement that would hurt
worse (only from one course) you may guess that. I see in this Part of
Ala. number of the afore Said Characters flooding the Country, Renting
lands of the owners that has Staid at home at five dollars per acre,1/3
down, 1/3 in six months & 1/3 the 1 day of Jan 1866 & taking all the
Cleared land on the Plantation & the men that have left their homes,
they Settle down on the Plantation & go to work just as if they had a
bonefied title to the Same and Every Citizen that came among those
deprodators among th first questions that is asked is where do you live
is there any cotton there What will you take a pound don't you think
that you can Bring me some I will give you the highest price of any
body Else Now all these Interogations is made before the men
Interogated has had time to give an answer I have thoit that if they were
anxious to put down the Rebellion as they are to by cotton that this war
would have been ended before this time & thousands of lives saved & the
Catalogue of widows pp 138 Shortened but that is not the policy they
will give the lives of Every Soldier for a pound of cotton well to you
that don't See those things it looks Strange But it is true as you will
believe when you come to learn that they buy their Promotors as officers
in the Army for from 40 dollars to 500 dollars a Commission Well this
they gave & then most of them resigned & left the Service & one of them
Said to me on a certain occassion Mcfall Wouldn't you take the Oath
if you was a rebel for 3,000 dollars this conversation to place from
audet of taking three thousand dollars worth of cotton from an old
lady & she could no voucher for her cotton till she would take the
Oath of Allegance to the U.S. govt this I have said that you may See
what Such men will do for money there was the Capture of the at Athens
Ala that was another proof of Corruption that fort was strong & could
have been defended with fewer men against a heavier force than Foust had
but he (Foust Sent a flag of truce to those of the fort demanding the
Surrender & the Poor Corrupt Cowardly Commander went out to Foust & they
come on some terms (gold no doubt in my mind) & he the poor pitiful
witch Surrendered it to the Rebels, I had forgot they had the 2 Tenn Cav

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pp 138 so they But for her Efficient Leader W. F. Prosser Lieut Col who after he had learned what was going on ordered his boys to mount their horses & hold their Sabers So as to make no noise & not Speak one word above their breath & follow him which they did & by riding through the thicket where the Rebels had no pickets till they got out Side of the lines of pickets pp 139 and by morning light he was in decature with his little Squad of Brave Tennessee Boys under the command of the Brave Col. doo-little that commanded the fort at decature.

Sunday March 5th
It is a beautiful day & the River Still risind. My knees & ankles is hurting very bad though not so bad as they have Some days ago

After the Federal forces came to Decature from Stevenson the brave Col Farmer of the 15th Regt of Pennsylvania Vol Cav with Liet Col Prosser Commanding the 2 Tenn Vol Cav the detachment went in all about 800 men followed hard after gen Thomas had whipped him back from Nashville across the Tenn River distance about 150 miles overtaking him near Cortland Hood had found out that he was followed after he had got back over the river again & he prdered his forces right & left & to put Strong guards on all the Roads Every where while Parmer, Prosser & their Brave little Band of Tennesseans & Pennsylvanians moved on till they overtook Wm Hoods Pontoon train & they burned the whole train then with teams & teamsters move d on to his Supply train, Burned that & carried off the teams & teamsters of that also then thos brave & Vigilent officers Parmer & Prosser made a turn to the left & after Several days & nights hard marching through mud & over Mountains they fell in Hoods rear and returned to Decature with the loss of one man Captured his named _____ wreck he was _____of from his command so they would not lost a man pp 140 Then Prosser took his command & went to Athens, Ala. where he joined Col. Hood That had just got Back being Exchanged & had took command of 50 or 100 of the regt. that was sent after horses & was in the Battle at Nashville & followed Hood & helped drive him back across the river Tenn. & I was left at Mooresville not able to go with Rheumatism. Having heard nothing of my Regt. & still at the house where I was left I got all the news I could & that was not much that was reliable on the 6th of March I heard that Charleston, Savanah & Wilmington was re-Evacuated. The source of information not reliable I also Learnt that Sherman had met with defeat I could not Learn how the rumor came nor where the Battle was faught I also heard that the Rebels had taken Chattanooga that also is not Authincated & I have no that any of the report is true.

Monday March 6th This day I ran down Lime Stone Creek to the river got

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of the skiff & walked down the river, got in a canoe & ran up the River Back to the mouth of the Same creek & up the creek home again

Tuesday March 7th 1865 I went out this morning with 3 others about 1/2 mile in a canoe over a Beautiful field & in to the forest land where we got a large beach log & pulled it to the Edge of the water. It was_____ feet long.

Wednesday March 8th 1865 the morning is cloudy & raining a little & is warm & pleasant the river Rose 3 inches last night

pp 141 That there is a certain class of men thats keeping the Abominable Rebelion progressing is demons treated by the fact. The Patentee both North & South sees that as long as the war rages he can Sell his patent gun, Pistol, Sword & Saber much faster & at a much Larger price & mark Ye he is in no danger what ever then again the manufacture of clothing can Sell his clothing much higher & farther So by the Tobacco Raisers the grain raiser see that where as he used to get 50 cents per bushel for his corn he now gets 2 dollars per bushell & that is what he is holding on to the war the great number of the labouring class that is now in the fields so reduce the labour at home that it gives men that is there the chance of selling their produce just as they Please & Every one is for themselves Cares nothing for the Soldiers on Neither Side he is at home with his family & if there is any thing said about peace OK I want peace but there is no chance the People can do nothing the people have no Right to say anything in this matter My God if the People have no right to speak in this thing who has the Constitution of the State of Tennessee declares all that all Power is Inherent in the People & all free government is founded upon their Authority hence it is my opinion that they the people are the proper Authority to Settle this matter It is a poor Rule that don't work both ways & the people has to go to the Battle field in order to Settle the matter & why & why not go to the Council Chamber also for there is where the Common people will have to go before they will Even get any more peace for as long as those corrupt Rascals hold all the Power in their Poluted hands they will suffer their Sinful & wicked heart to lead them.

pp 142 Thursday March 9th 1865
A Raining & the River still rising with 6 1/2 miles of surface across, South from Mooresville.

On in further of wickedness to accumulate wealth & never think of the misery that they are on the inocent & helpless women & children or if

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they think will not care & this is nothing that I want to See so bad as the time when the Strong Arm of the Sons of Americans put forward against these Corrupt Witches to stop this Cruel & unnatural war by going & saying to the unnatural & Cruel Leaders now unite this Government as it was ordered those Poor honest Soldiers to go home to their wives & children fathers & mothers Sisters & Brothers. North & South or we will take your lives without pity that is what I want & that is what We'll have to take Place as did in the days of our first liberty the People had it there to Settle Now when a few men Ruleth them is not honesty Enough in them to Confess a fault if they commit one (which they will) & then they will commet twenty to hide that one But we're all the people Rule those may be honesty Enough that when they do wrong to acknowledge their wrong forsake it & do right

(different writing) The word of the Lord says"When the rightous are in authority, the people rejoice but when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn) Prov 29th Chapt. 2 v

Friday March 10th this day has been a cold rain & very unpleasant day & my left knee has hurt me very much.

Saturday March 11th 1865 the opened _____ was Pleasant all the day till night

pp 143 Now this is the belief I have of the peoples right to interfer in this thing for I have Seen those very men that I have been Speaking Speaking about act the very way that is Explained here then I have had wise men say that there was more value & Patrotism in any one family the Country than any city That they Ever was in this. I mention merely to Show that those in the Country the honesty(the Plain Street forward plain honesty) The Plain old fashion Farmer is the man to stop this Rebellion & not the rich aristocrat nor none of the aristrcraby or nor none of the Speculative Charador,

Sunday March 12 1865 This is a fine day for Every sort of Empty I walked about one mile to Mr Tuckers & after hearing some very Interesting Conversation I Returned to my quarters again the River has fallen some 14 Inches Since Last Evening

x of Pineville _____
The 8 letters of Mr Jos. Jones to Mr. Thompson wrote in Baltimore No 27 Exchanges hotell May 21 1845

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Wm Thompson Dear Sir, I waked up this morning bright and early but I felt so Monstrus tired that I didn't get rite out of bed well while I was lien there, looking round the room at the fine furniture, at the Splendid mahogany burro & ward robe, the marble top washstand & cast iron fireplace and heap of other curious fixens I see a green cord with a tassel on the end of it hanging down by the head of my bed Thinks I that must be to pull the window blinds to let the light in it was raythe dark I tuck hold It

pp 144 String seemed to be hiched Somewhere & the blinds Didn't move a bit, I was't morin done pulling it before Somebody nocked at the door of my room & as I didn't know who it might be, I covered up my hed & Ses I cumin, a Nigger feller opened the door & Stood there for about a minit looking at me like he wanted sumthin, without saying a word, well buck Ses I what's the matter" begining to think he had monstrous Sight of Impurence, I cum to See what the gimman wants" Ses he well Ses I don't want nothing. He looks sort o Side ways at me & put out__ After Studin a bit to try to make out what upon Yearth(earth) it was bringin him to my room. I put my head out & tried the curtains again and the first thing I knowed here cum the Same black chap agin. This time I looked at him pretty Sharp and Ses I What upon Yearth(earth) do you meen" With that he begun Scraping & bowing & Scrapin & Scratching his head and Ses he Didn't you ring Sir, ring what Ses I, Your bell Ses he, I was beginin to get purty considerably riled and Ses I I don't carry no bells but I can just tell you what, I Ses my buck if you go to cumin any of yer free Nigger nonsense over me, I'll ring your cussed hed off quickern lightining and with that I Started to get out of the bed but there was no Nigger there when my feet techet the floor, it was too dark to dress, So I tuck another pull at the blinds & while I was Pulling & jerkin at em here cums another big Nigger to know what I wanted. By this time I begun to surposin there was Sumthing wrong. Sure Enuff cum to find out I'd been pulling a bell Rope all the time pp 145 though I couldn't _____ the least Sign of it my self. I'd Sed them things hangin round the room at Charleston hotel and at _____ but I never knowed what they was before, well I think I live and lurn, I'll know what a bell rope is next time. After findin my way down stairs I went in the barber room & got a shave. & I do believe if it had not been So Early in the mornin I Should went Spang to Sleep, while Billy was takin my beard off that feller is a role magnetiser & he goes through the business So Easy that you Can't hardly tell whether hes using the Brush or Reasor and by the time hes done your face

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is so smooth that it takes a pretty good memory to remember whether you ever had any beard or not. After Bushing & comin a little I went out in to the Reading room & looked over the paper til breakfast. I was setin on the Sofa Reading the National Intellegence when the first thing I I thot the whole roof of the bildin was falling down on top of my hed-- whow row, whow eow went Sumthing like the heavens and Yearth(earth) was comin together. I couldn't hear my self think & I was making for one of the winders as fast as I could when the Everlasting rumpus stoped. I axt Some body what in the name of Thunder it was. O you nedent be alarmed Ses he it's nothing but the breakfast gong. I was just about as wise then as before I axed, but I knowed it had Sumthin to do with Breakfast & my appetite Soon cum back again. You know I always used to drink coffee and im Monstrous fond of it yet but I didn't feel very well this morning when the waiter axed me what I'd have to eat.

pp 146 Monday March 13, 1865
Tuesday March 14, 1865 This day I went fishing, caught one & returned I felt poorly
Wednesday March 15, 1865 This day I caught 2 fine fish
Thursday 16th I caught two more fish today there was a heavy rain last night I feel very sore and sleepy today
Friday March 17 this day is Beautiful & clear with a fine gale of wind Blowing & the river rising again. I have caught no fish to day. As yet my joints is not so sore as they were yesterday.
Saturday 18 this is a beautiful day. I was mending plowys for Capt. Williams to day.
Sunday 19 this is a beautiful fine day I caught 1 cat fish this day and my knees are better at this time.
Monday 20 I Stocked plowys to day the river is rising & within -------- of as high as it was on the first of the month
Tuesday 21 Nothing
Wednesday 22
Thursday 23 caught one fine fish today
pp 147 Friday 24 March 1865 Went to my line this morning, but caught nothing

Sue Monday Captured with Two of clan on & hung on the 15th of March 1865 After Sue was ------- a purty good Example of hypocracy he claiming to be a Confederate Soldier(Rebel)

Foust the Notorious Rebel Raider after Leaving half of his army in Tenn. near Nashville------- Says Lee will Leave Richmond & March through Ken-

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tucky in Illinois & there fight the Last & Greatest Battle of the war this like the decisive Battle of Nashville, Stone River, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta Charleston & Wilmington

McGruder & Metcalf was the names of Mondays partners captured with him

The _____ _____ Correspondence dated Mar 11 Says that some of the heaviest fiting here has been done Since the Corps commanded by Cox Reached the Vicinity of Kingston Occured on Friday. the Rebels had learned that gen Cerech with a portion of the 23 Corps was not far off & would soon join Cox & it urged them to Extra Ordinary despiration they charged again & again on our works making 10 or 12 desperate charges through the day generally they spent their firy on the left but some of the time they would charge on the Entire line roaming hoping that the momentum of so large a body would brake down Every thing Our men stood their ground--as Attested by piles of ------- ----------lying before our works in various directions. pp 148 The Enemy also faught with valor worthy of a bitter course

On friday night & Saturday morning Couethis Corps came up from toward Wilmington & effected a junction with Cox which gave us an advantage of course of which the Rebels was not Slow to be in formed x

Saturday 25 Nothing strange ordered. I caught no fish today
Sunday 26 this is a fine day, the water is falling fast

x So they at once began to fall back abandoning all further opposition on this side of the N____ River & they are now on the North side of the river with the Bridge partially Burned

The much talked of_____ Nuse was also Partially destroyed. Our forces followed them up vigerously & will doubtless prepare to cross over the River at once by means of a pontoon Bridge or by laying new timber over the old for the cars to pass over. We apprehend that there will be no dificulty in driving the Rebels back from any point where they may See fit to make a Stand(note) This reporter says Sherman had been heard from at Fayettsville Reporting all right Laurel hill not Fayethville is the place undoubtly. Reporter Louisville Daily Journal March 16, 1865

Same paper New York March 15

The Heralds Washington Special says that a letter from Schfields head-quarters Newburn March 11 Says this morning Stokes attempted to Brake lines but was repulsed with double Slaughter pp 149 Our own loss not more than 300 or 400 killed & wounded. The Rebel Slossin killed & wounded is

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pp 149 8 times greater, we have possesion of the field the Rebels dead & wounded in our hands. the Richmond paper show that the Rebel Congress which was to adjourn last Saturday have at the Request of Jef Davis posponed the adjournment. He informed them that he had something of importance to day before them.

March 15
It Appears by late news that the defence of Fort Florida by the Union garrison was a very brave one & Resulted in finily obligincy (obliging) the Rebels to retreat. On about the 10th of March Sherman Reached Fayethville, N.C. after Leaving Chattanooga in April 1863 going via Dalton, Marietta, Atlanta, Savannah, Ga. & Charlston, S.C. & Columbia_____ to day March 26 there is rumor that there has been fighting at Strawberry Plains E. Tenn.

Monday 27
I am tolable well
Tuesday March 28 today I went fishing caught three drum fish
Wednesday 29 Went to Decatur turned 2 horse saddles & Bridles to Lieut. Dutton took a memorandum Receipt for them & walked 10 miles through the rain.
Thursday 30 This is a fine Spring Morning, Very clear & Beautiful The after part of this day turned to be very cold gloomy, & rainy with Some wind This day I caught two little fish that weighed about four pounds.

pp 150 Though Many the Eyes That Look Softly On Me

O Yet Love I but thee darling
Love I But thee
For though Bright the Stars may beam
Down on the Sea
The Moon can but charm the Waves
Nearer to be
And if all Should forsake me
When I am thine
I will find in thy arms love
Life more divine
For Angels might Envy me
Clasped to thy heart
Never thy Smile to lose
Never to part
And after long years have passed
With thee to die
Under the flowers Beloved
With thee to lie

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Friday March 31, 1865

I don't feel so well this morning, After the day passed off a portion of It I felt better & went fishing, Caught twelve Drum fish & one Red horse & Returned.

Saturday April 1 1865 This is a fine clear morning with nothing Else of Importance

pp 151 Song of the Street

With lips all vivid with cold
And purple and swolen feet
A woman in Rags Sat crouched on the flags
Singing the Song of the Street
Starve Starve Starve

O God it's a fearful night
How the wind does blow & the Sleet & Snow
Will it ever again be light
I have rung at the refuge bell
I have beat at the work house door
To be told again that I claim in vain
They are full they can hold no more
Starve Starve Starve

Of crowds that pass me by
Some with pity & some in pride
But more with indifference turn aside
And leave me here to die
O you that sleep in beds
With coverlet quilt & sheet
O think when it snows what it is for those
That lie in the open street
I the cold & frozen stones
When the winter blast as it whistles past
Bites in the very bones

O what with the wind without
And what with the cold within
I own that I have sought to drive away that
With that curse of the tempted jin
Drink Drink Drink

Amid rebuilding _____& glare
It's sures hell on Earth
Flee the ghastly mirth
That maddness at midnight through

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O you that never have Strayed
Because you have not been Tried
Oh look not down with a pharisee frown
On those that have Swerved aside

pp 152 And you that hold the Scales
And you that glibly surge
That the only plan is the _____ _____
The treadmill and the_____

Oh what are the lost to do
To famish and not to feel
For days to go and never to know
What it is to have one meal
They cannot buy does not by
They must Either Starve or Steal

Food Food Food
If it be but one loaf of bread
A place to lie
And a place to die
If it be but a work house bed
If you will not give to them that live
You at least must bury the dead

With lips all red and blue
And purple and swollen feet
A woman in rags sat crouched on the flags
And sang the Song of the Street
As she caused the doleful Strain
My homeward path I face
And the cry and the prayers
Oh the lost one those
Went up to the throne of God

From the Nashville Daily Press
March 30, 1865
From Ala., N. York
March 29 The Pasts Correspondence at Chickawa bluff Ala. 22
Says he writes amid the confusion & breaking up of camp as the Caverly
Army is takine leave of it's Base for operations in the South with the
first division is commanded by gen Mckook this Second pp 153 By gen Terry
the third by Upton and the fourth by Hatcher This Expedition has been

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fitted out at an Expense almost fabulous and It's operations are reported to be of an Importance Character Another very heavy Engagement from Rebel Sources. Washington Mar 29

The Richmond Inquirer of the 27th Inst. has the following Special dispatch date Petersburg March 26 Which says gen Bushrod , Johnson and Gordon Stormed the Enemies Breastwork on our left this morning and drove the enemy one mile Capturing his works & 500 prisoners including gen Mc laughlin And other officers the fight was terific and the loss heavy on both sides gen Terry was badly wounded, the Enemy massed his artillary in the Neighborhood of the Captured fort and was Enable to pour such trouble Emploding upon our ranks as to cause our troops to fall Back, then organize position the Yankies Moygen Warrin is Supposed to have been killed.

Speculation Again In referring to the fall in the Price of gold and the smash among the Speculators. I say the war has in many Respects been one vast Speculation from the Sworn officials having Contracts to lets or purchases to make to the humblest camp followers all have been Exited to Extraordinary Acts by a thirst of gain by some Single job Some Solitary operations, or Rich Strike, the Walks of Commerce have been Strenged with men Seeking fortunes by Speculation pp 154 Until they have Crowded themselves into Every branch of trade and human Industry from the man carrying a million of dollars in pork to the Substitute broker carrying his Squad of bunty jumpers the, the mad reckles & often unscrupulous Spirit of Speculation has had full control of all things Hundreds of banks have sprung up in all parts of the Country to whom has been issued a currency almost the Duplicate in Volumn of the Federal Notes & as a Compensation for Sharing in the Public the Banks have been an Interest of Six percent in gold and as the higher the Premium on gold the greater the Profits of the Banker Every man interested in these banks became Immediately Intrusted in depreciating treasury Notes & in larging the difference between the Values of gold & the government Issues Every man who bought pork or cotton or lard or wool or beef or dry goods on Speculation became Intrusted in an Increase of the Values of his Stock & consequently interested in the depreciation of the Federal money Speculators have this from the first day of the war to the present been arrayed against the govt. in the financial field as distinctly and decidely as have Lees Veterans in the Military field Speculators have been Exclusively in gambling on the misfortune of the Country Every fall in gold was a fatal blow to them Every Rebel Victory was a source of Profit to them Every thing that indicated crushing the Rebellion had an immediate Effect in _____Some tribe of Speculators & Every thing that tended to give hope to the Rebellion added thousands to

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the profits of the Speculators, the gentlemen who desiring this war have been gambling in gold, and gambling in all wheels of trade pp 155 have had their whole pecuinary INterest dependent on the defeat of the goverment and the triumph of the Rebels yoday there is not a city or a village in the land that does not contain its Dozens or more Speculators whose means are so imperiled and whose Substance so Endandered that nothing but S[H]rmans defeat Stands between them & ruin, the destruction of Johnson's Army or Lee's Surrender would Sweep Every man who has Speculated on a high rate of gold in to the Ocean of financial Oblivian,
It is for this Reason that the public Rejoice at the fall of the Speculator his ruin means the general welfare, his loss is the public gain, his prosperity means public misfortune, his heavy profits means a Corresponding National Loss. The Interest of the Speculator are there fore directly opposed to the Interest of the Public the hopes & fears, if hopes & fears depend on dollars & cents of the Speculator are Idenical with those of the Rebel, the Confederate Loan & gold assined & fall to gether when gold ____ 290, the Confederate bonds & Speculators tumbled to the dust.

April 2, 1865
This is a fine morning & I feel tolable well

The Cost of the War Hon. Samuel S. Cox, in a late Speech in Congress Said the appropriation Bill for the last Session at least 900,000,000 dollars in the last five Sessions of Congress this appropriation to nearly 4,000,000,000 . . the Army alone has cost over 3,000,000,000

pp 156 Nashville Daily Press
March 30,1865
Not in good taste
From the Journal of Congress

A Steamboat owned & Victuled by the National government is now bearing a large party of Senators & Represenatives with their families & personal friends on a Pleasure trip to Charleston and Savannah. They propose to be absent about two weeks & Expect to have a good time. Very likely with such Material for happiness as a Swift boat well filled lockers agreeable company and nothing to pay. the mass must be hard to please who could not manage to enjoy himself. We are aware that this is an age of New Ideas & of new people. Old things are past or passing away. But there are certain notions of propriety which we are not willing to consider altogether obsolete & we mistake the feelings of the American People if they consent to regard this Congressional fate as a thing Exactly in good taste. Even in these Metamorphis times. Charleston & Savannah are today full of sick & wounded Soldiers ruined union men & Repenant Rebels. No body down there feels like laughing or wishes to be Stared at as a Show. The intrusion of a great Crowd of Pleasure Seekers upon Such Serious Scenes is an impertinence, Congressional parties have not Such a Momopoly of that rarity good

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breeding that they can make this visit wear the aspect of friendly Interest & concern if they were appointed to Examine into & report upon the condition of the white population or the Negroes of the pp 157 two cities or See if our Army wanted any thing the case would be different But they go not on a mission of official Business or of benevolence but only of fun & Jolly, No hospital stores are borne to the Bleeding & Attenuated inmates of the Union hospitals, no message of Sympathy for the Staunch Union men who have lived all through the firey furnance of the Rebellion, No books for the little children whom Col Woodford is now gathering in the long deserted School houses, Nothing to give away, Nothing to Sell if the Congressional Boat took along a gargo(cargo) of goods to revive trade between North and South that would be something but there is nothing of the Sort, the trip is one of selfish personal gratification. Charleston & Savannah are to the party Simply curiosity worth Seeing, like the White Mountains, The Mamoth Cave & the Natural Bridge with the Additional Advantage which will be Appreciated by the tourist, that the Nation footed all the Bills the rattler Sircumstance cannot fail to give a more delicate banquet to the champaigne which will be quafft by the party inroute or impart a wilder revildry or the panic which we pursume will be held within the confines of that ghostly, Shapeless pile , the ruin of Fort Sumpter

And all of this will be going on while the Christians & Sanitary Commissions are carrying more supplies for the Sick & wounded Soldiers & Philanthropists are trying to make collections of food & clothing for half Starved & half naked union men and spelling Books for the Neglected little ones, Black & white this the _____ which should be Consecrated to _____solemn thoughts congressmen _____ a _____ carying their ___ pp 158 into the very houses of mourning holding a ball & dining upon the field of Battle where the grounds of the wounded formed the accompament of the music could hardly be worse in taste than this that Such acts should be done & go unrebuked is the melancholy evidence of the Debaseny Effect of war upon the Sensibilities & tasts of the people ordinarly not deficent it may be Supposed in humanity and refinement. But we are pursuaded that this all time Congressional Excursion will not be approved. will not go unpunished in the Judgement of Patriotic xx(good)Citizens.

Sensible talk for the Rebel States

Assuming the doctrine of States rights, which Mr. Jefferson was the author and Wm Madison the Expounder, is absolutely essential to the Preservation of American Liberty and that, that doctrin & chief corner stone of the true Union Party Reasoning from that point of view in what way is cooper-

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ation between its Northern & its Southern adherents most likely to Secure its practical re establishment, not most asuredly by the South continuing to aggord to the Federal Authorities a reasonable protest maintaining large armies and overriding the Souther State government so long as the South up a forceable opposition. No Rational man in the North will ask the federal government to with draw and disband its armies all the recent violations of State rights are clocked under the pretense of military neccessity and So long as the Administration has unimpeachable Reasons for keeping great armies in the field the friends in the Constitution can gain little attention _____ their protests the true Union Party
pp 159 of the country does not admit that a state of war justifies the arbitary proceedings of the Administration But on the other hand the party is even more Strongly opposed to the disunion principal of the Secessionists the abetters of Centralization artfully Represents the Union as being in the Same with Consolidation and while the South is in armies against the Union this View is not very _____ contested by many who are sensible of its absurdity, all _____ apart is indisputable that a State of War & especialy a Civil War tends toward consolidation When States are in arms against the Federal government and the machinery of the State Organization is used to Shake off the federal Authority those organizations cannot but Suffer in the Shock of the Contest Any war augments for the time being the Central power but in Civil War this Accumulation of military Strength and Patronage _____ _____ _____ and Shatter the resisting parts not only is a drain made upon the members to accumulate Power in the head but this accumulated power is used to disable Some of the members and impair the Sympathy and ability of the whole.

The Fleet at Hampton Roads

Its full power has not probably been Reached But certainly it is not Weak as shown in the following facts. It comprises the Steam Sloop Powbatten (flay) 21, Steam frigate _____ _____ 52 with a crew of 800 men, frigate New Ironsides 20, Steam frigate Wabash 48, the Steam Sesquehannah 16, just Repaired & rebuilt, the Monitar _____ 2, the Sloop _____ 10, the gun boat Mauma 5, Huron 4 _____ 10, & Yantie 5, the latter vessel is now returning from beauford with Rear Admiral Lee.

pp 160 April 3, 1865 Monday Thishas been a beautiful day. I went this day about 2 miles to mill for Mr. Rumbell to day & Returned

April 4 1865 This morning is cloudy & looks like raining, did rain some.

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Wednesday April 5, 1865 Still cloudy & the River rising. I caught 5 little fish this morning.

Nashville Daily Press April 4, Glorious News
Richmond Taken, Petersburg Evacuated
The Rebellion about Crushed out 12,000 Prisoners Captured
The War Department _____
2nd gen. Dix
The following telegram from the President Report the condition of affairs at 4.30pm Signed Em Stauton

After 10 am gen grant Telegraphs as followers Everything has been carried from left of the 9 Corps, the 6 Corps alone Captured more than 3,000 prisoners.

The 2 & 4 Corps both Capt gun forts & prisoners from the Enemy But could not tell the numbers. We are now clearing in round the works Immediately enveloping Petersburg. All looks Remarkedly Well. I have not yet heard from gen Sheardin. His head quarters have been moved up to Bunts house near the Boyd town Road about 3 miles South west of Petersburg.
Signed A. Lincoln

pp 161 City Point April 2nd 8.30pm
Hon. E.M. Staunton At 4.30pm today gen grant telegraphed the following We are now _____ and have a continue war line of troops in a few hours will be intrenched from the Appamottox below Petersburg to the River above. The whole Number of Captures Since the Army Started will not amount to less than 12,000 men & probably 50 pieces of artillary. I don't know the number of men & guns accurately how ever.

Thursday, April 6, this is a wet, cloudy Morning with a little wind and rain & I am not as well as I was yesterday.
This have again arrested my attention from a portion of Scripture read by W. H. Kimbell have any of the Rules of the Pharasees Believed these words was Spoken to our Blessed Savior try the Pharasees as though they would have the people believe there was more knowledge in the Rules of that Sect than any of the rest of the People just so with the Rulers of the American people the Ruler of the States in the Rebellion Denies the of the States to Reconstruct which right Belongs to Each State according to their Policy & according to what they are fighting for (cecession) Now if a State wants to do right after seeing that she has done wrong upon the Policy of the rules of the Rebellion in this case she has the to do it. It is an awful

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thing in men to humbug an honest people in one thing and it must be unpardonable, yes it is the greatest abomination that I Ever heard of in my life to first persuade a people that they would do better to do rong than right and after they had found pp 162 out their wrong than tell them they have not the Power in their hands to do the thing they thought to be right but this is another way the Ruling Speculator have of carying on the war this too is at the Expense of the life of the Soldier & happiness of the widow & the fatherless. They for ambition Sake will bereave the wife of her husband the Mother of her Son, the child of it's father & the Sister of her brother. Oh, My God, what will not Some men do for money & what will such men do when they Stand before the great God at his awful _____ Share their money will augment their damnation only. There they cannot Say I will give you Lord so much money if you will let me go back & live my life over again No no or if they do Say So the God of heaven will Surely Say you cannot You Shude not for while you was in Yonder world you caused the people to Sin against their own government & mine & I gave you knowledge & time to Repent & you have lived out the time that was for you & now you Shall Suffer for all the Widows & orphans that you have caused to be in the land & for all the friends you have Practised & for all the thefts you have commited & for all the falsehoods you have promulgated with all the rest of your abominations and the punishment you Shall Recieve Shall be in the flames of hell fire for Ever & Ever.

Friday April 7 This morning was cold & cloudy & the Evening more pleasant On yesterday geo. goodman & myself caught 16 Nice fish

pp 163 April 8, 1865 this morning is cool & clear caught five nice fish this day

There are men that has no care about a govt & them men will agree with what Ever Party they are with they are Union men when Union men is with them & they are Rebels when the Rebels is present. So they play Jack of both Sides & will not help Either those men will Laugh at their Smartness & tell you how they played off on your Enemy No matter what part you belong to & just Such men nobody cares for any more than a hog does for a nose jewel although they flatter themselves that they are wonderful Smart & amazing clever they think no doubt I have that man that I was talking with when Lo Bothsider you have fooled your noble Self for the Sound honest _____ man just knows you better than you know your self. So when you are dealing out your double doctrine with that forked tongue of yours. Why then it is you that has to Suffer for the Same.

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On the 8 day of April Mrs. Kimbell wife of W.H. Kimbell Sent me an English Pea Bloom gathered in her garden which garden indeed is Beautiful this day.

April 9 this morning is clear the river rising

There came quite a number of men into Limestone County this year for the purpose of Raising Cotton to Speculate on You might See them at any time Either with Sher pencils or fingers on paper or in Sand(they Remind me of the Country Maid & her _____of milk_____Say they I have 500 Acres
pp 164 of good land to put in Cotton this at least will produce 250 Bales of 500 pounds Each. This cotton at one dollar or perhaps 1.25 one dollar & twenty five cents per pound. One dollar at least will give me 125,000 dollars then say they after I have paid My Expenses which will be as follows, for horses 1250, for hands 935, for provisions 10950 dollars, ploughs 125, harness 125, plough tines 125, Smithing 125 dollars with 5 hundred dollars for Doctors fees. This at the low figure will leave me a profit one hundred and ten thousand eight hundred and Sixty five dollars. This is the way ... those witches goes on. The 40 cents a day for Rations generaly is one peck of corn meal a week with the Brand not taken out & no milk, meat, coffee or anything but the meal. Then the men Studies about nothing but making great piles of money, Nor talks about anything Else, the thoughts of the war rarely if Ever enters their minds. They think not nor can not for the tears of the Widdow or the cries of the orphan. There was one man among the number of Northern Cotton planters that rented a plantation in Sumertone County of one thousand acres at five Dollars per acre that was giving 5,000 dollars per year he hired the Negroes that had formerly Belonged to the owners of the Plantation with some other & they went to work & after a while the news came back that the Rebel Capitol which Bears Evacuated or Captured they could not tell which But certain gold had fallin value & Northern Markets Suspend & this _____ took a Scare & went to Nashville(where the owners had gone to witness in a Suit Pending there) to See the owner & change the contract _____he did.

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pp 165 Just after the reoccupation of Decature, Ala. By the Federal forces in Dec. 1864 there was a Negro Manager at the Contrabanda Camp in Lime Stone County that Brought his Negro Women to some houses that was occupied by the wives & daughters of federal Soldiers & just turned his Sable hord loose on the helpless Women & children & they fell to plundering and

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robing the poor Suffers of all they wanted which was all that worth any thing & he sat on his horse & when the white Ladies would say anything (which you know they could not help doing) he would order them hold their tongues for Sais he we teach our Negroes to tell the truth(our Negroes mind you) one rather Elderly Lady Said that a Certain Negro wench had her little daughters apron in her pocket to which the Negro replied she had not & this poor pitiful lick spittle of are witch ast her if she had she Said no But the old lady Said She had Nothing in her pockets at the time she made a Snatch at the Negroes Pocket & out she hauled an apron & a little childs Skimmer that his honest truth Black _____ had stolen & pocketed & after that she was made Empty her Pockets & they were filled with every thing in the of Clothing without it was feather beds the Same old white lady said there was another Negro had gotten one of her bed quilts to which the brute replied that if she did not shut her mouth he would tie her up by the thumbs he was fully able to do So She the white lady was old Enough to have been his mother I would have given as much at that time to have seen_____ Struck Dead as any pp 166 thing I Ever Saw in my thought to my self & bein your husband_____if Ever he does he will be likely _____ with you you low flung _____ the Negroes claimed this_____the property thrown away by them as they was following the rear of the Army on the Evacuation of Decature and if those women want _____their houses, I don't know it & if they had the property thrown away & left by my _____& gathered up & kept by them they had the only right to it if my body had the _____is the rebel Commanded by gen Radyrun in the rear of the Army & captured some of the Negroes, killed some and drove Some back where they came from that was the way the Negroes said they lost their goods & Chattels (Wadsworth) was this infamous Coundrel(Scoundrel) name that threatened to tie up the white lady and then those was another of those Negro Loving, Cotton Raising Northern Pimps that fell out about Some Cotton one said the other Stole some 3 or 4 bales of cotton the Accused Lady he did not Steal the Cotton & to prove that I did not Steal the Cotton you just ask Such a Nigger No No I mistake ask Such a Freedman of color and he asked the freedman & he said no he didn't Steal the Cotton & the fellow that lost the Cotton went off perfectly Satisfied that the Accused was an honest man this is the way that those men are going on in Lime Stone Co., North Ala. you will meet them & they will tell you thus & so _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.

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pp ??? After following Woodruff from Nashville to Columbia, Tenn, Some 3 or 4 days
167 ?? _____to pay 5 dollars per Acre Land to Cultivate when he will make a new trade with Woodruff I don't know.

April 10, 1865 This morning is Rain again & the River rising & my knees hurting & some rumors of Rebel Lee with 35 thousand troops marching to ward Shearman, Suppose he is going to reinforce Johnson, the rumer is now that Richmond is of use & that Lee has Evacuated the place & will join Johnson & fight Shearman before grant can join Shearman & probably whip Shearman & then turn on grant & thrash him & yet gain Something.

Tuesday 11 April The morning warm and cloiudy with South wind blowing & the river rising my ankle is hurting this morning.
There is a rumor to day that the rebel gen Lee is Captured & (that Richmond is or burned by order of the gen Ewel before his forces left) with him his Entire Army.
& the rumer is that Fousts men is deserting him by Regiments also that there is thirty five thousand _____& five thousand Infantry that is after _____all this however is rumor & rumor alone. It is said that the rebel Ambassador for peace preposes to Pres. Lincoln _____if he would grant a general Amnisty to all rebels that they would lay down their arms disband their Armies and return to the Union again _____ _____ _____
pp ??? Power to do So that Power was in the Congress that Passed the Act granting
168 ?? a limited Amnisty where up the Battle was faught in which Lee his Army was Captured.
April 12 Wednesday An other cloudy rainy morning & the river rising fast My right ankle Still hurting me though not bad.
April 13, Thursday The rain has ceased But the river is rising fast

That the Democratic party Brought on this war none can Such deny that they run James K. Polk North as an Abilitionish or an _____man & South a pro Slavery man up on the Anexation of Texas to the United States there by bringing on the war with Mexico, So that after _____gave a Small Scouring _____ wanted peace will Save the good democracy gave us So much _____ & we will gave you peace non by the by that was _____amount of territory then the North and the democratic South _____their claims to this territory, they both wanted the benefits labour in Electing J.K. Polk they found they Elected Polk & _____ Party was divided on the_____ question there now was found they would not Divide the territory between the _____ quarled & made all afuss about the territory Believe was done by the _____
Friday April 14

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pp ??? them from their _____ _____ _____ back biting way about _____
169 ?? _____ Robing and Swindling _____ _____ them that I have Saw will _____ such tales on the rest only one seen that is Captain Williams & I believe they will tell the truth for they are _____ their own horses & running them up the way to Tennessee _____ laying it on the Rebels & there is not _____Soldier in North Ala. except he has become disabled for service & been discharged and after _____round a few days they the man that they have rented the plantation from that they can't tend the farm on account that their horses & mules have been Stolen & get them to take back the land if they will and if not the renter gets upon _____car at some Convenient time _____ off he goes to some other _____ _____ some other place to fool him _____leaves the forced American Citizen of African Decent to shift for himself after he has worked for the rascal from 13 to 51 months without paying him one dime for his work after the Negro has _____ on one peck of corn meal a week & nothing else. the same with the men that is hiring the Negro to chop wood on the R. R. they get the wood Delivered to their Contractor & away them & their Contractors goes & leaves the Negro waiting for the pay train which pay train never comes & the black man never gets his pay for chopping wood for them. Neither that is the way them _____ is doing the R. Roader in _____ _____

pp 170 Saturday April 15 This day I caught 10 fish & 1 eel
Sunday 16 April This is a beautiful Morning & the river has arise about 8 inches on a Surface of about five miles

Secession Democrats South & the Abolition Democrats North not as much to free the Negro as to break up the government of the United States pays

Monday April 17th _____day with the river still rising
Tuesday April 18th _____warm & about one inch_____in the river, on a Surface about 6 miles.
Wednesday April 19 _____ urged his right to the _____ lands & also denyin the right to any if carry between _____ of property into any of country thus gained
Thursday April 20 _____was a heavy Storm Last night. Nothing else worth writing
Friday April 21 Beautiful fine day
Saturday April 22, 1865 Cold Northwest wind
pp 171 Sunday April 23rd There was some frost this morning & a cold N.W. Wind
Monday April 24 this morning is cloudy

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Sunday I caught 10 fish that weighed 20 lbs, one of them weighed 10,. Monday 10, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 10, Thursday 5.
Friday April 28 This day I came back from _____ _____ where I had the day before guarding a wagon load of wheat to mill & back home.
Saturday April 29 Nothing worth writing
Sunday April 30 This is a very windy day

I learned today that A.J. Johnson was opposed to the Capitulation of Jos E. Johnston & gen Shearman but why I did not learn. I believe that has some good _____I do not know the why ____So is this gen grant _____ Surrounded Vicksburg Capitulated with the pp 172 then & There commanding _____also when he Captured Lee _____him grant & Lee agreed on certain Stipulations that was to govern their actions and all this was Endorsed by the President & Congress of the United States & I think that A.J. Johnson & the Congress Now in Session will do the Same when Capitulation is in Accordance with what is the regulations of the Present Rebellion.

May 1, 1865 (with 31 days) A beautiful morning with some fine clouds in the North
Monday May 1st
Tuesday May 2nd
Wednesday May 3 Beautiful & clear the Earth is Dry & hard
Thursday May the 4, 1865 The wind is blowing pleasant, the Earth is dry & hard. Rain wanted badly & a great talk of the war but no prospect of plenty to _____ it is plenty of Sorrow the _____ _____ _____
May fifth 1865 _____morning is clear and beautiful. I am still at H.W. Kimbells, going a fishing today for I have not fished any since last Thursday _____ _____this is true on the fishing pp 173

NASHVILLE DAILY PRESS
May 4, 1865 PROCLAMATION

Hereas it appears that the Attrocious murder of the Late President And Attempt to murder W.K. Seward. Secretary of State in cited & ____ by & Between Jeff Davis, late of Richmond, Va. & Jacobe Thompson, Clemont C. Clay, Beverly Tucker, geo. N. Sanders, W.C. Cleary and other Rebels &

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Factors against the U.S. Now harbored in Canada. Now therefore to the End that Justice may be done I Andrew Johnson President of the U.S. do offer for the arrest of said Person or Either of them within the Limits of the U.S. the following Rewards 100,000 for the arrest of Davis, 100,000 for the arrest Clay, 100,000 for the arrest of Thompson lat of Miss., 20, 000 for the arrest of Sanders, 25, 000 for the arrest of Tucker, 10,000 for the arrest of Cleary late clerk of C.C. Clay the Provost Marshall of the U.S. is directed to cause discription of said persons with Notices of the above rewards to be Published.

Signed Andrew Johnson, President

Saturday May Sixth I did no fishing on yesterday as I Expected but did to day. Caught five small fish & returned

Sunday May Seventh I have been writing to day

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WE Parted

It was by the rustling swallow
That droops above the panel
The plough stood in the fullow
On the durkey slope beyond

Second

We lingered near the farm house door
With fingers fast Entwined
While Sinking Sun went down before
And the Moon rose uo behind

Third

We stood there in the quiet hour
We could not say farewell
Our tears dropt down on grass & flowers
And glistened where they fell

Fourth

Our bitter tears fell, we Sighed
But neer a word we said
I wonder if the daisies died
On which that dew was shed

Fifth

We parted as the Crimson light
Just faded from the west

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When half the Sky with Stars was bright
And all the world at rest
Sixth
We parted, parted nevermore
In fair or Stormy weather
To meet again by Sea or Shore
Or See the Sun together
Seventh
_____ if I knew the Sun would rise
_____ upon my Sight
_____ gladly I would close my eyes
_____ Say my prayers to night

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pp 175 Lees Design for the future
Richmond, Va April 24, 1865
In order if Possible, forget some clear light for the Solution of the new Compleations growing out of the Murder of President Lincoln I yesterday saught and obtained an interview with that distinguished Soldier & leader of the Rebel armies gen Robert E. Lee & was permitted to _____ out his views on the very important questions Suggested. It is propper to say that my reception was every thing that could be expected from a gentleman Who has always been considered a type of the once famous Chivilry & I had almost Said Nobility of Virginia Pen & Ink Sketches of gen Lee have been made of date by Newspapers writin that any Attempt at this time by me in that direction would be a work of Superarragation. I may Simply Say that the form Stopt the Clear View, the bright Beaming Continuous, the quick intelligence, the upright form & the Active manner of the general very Strong lybilities, the Portraiture of him which are So Common all the Vigor & Ability & anemation of ripe Manhood are prominently conspicious in his _____ his venerable white hair & beard Simply inspire Respect for the Matured I _____ & deliberate Expressions that comes from this Conspicious Rebel leader but in no wise Convey an impression of _____ or old age the writer then gave his introduction to Lee also telling him at the Same time that he did not wish to lay his _____ views before the public as _____ _____ career had already been Lees reply ____ I am a paroled prisoner at once appealed to my Sympathy a frank generous _____ how far _____ I questioned him without touching upon pp 176 his views of honor in referring to his parole _____ when he added I have never been a politicion, know but little of Political leaders. I am a soldier. I felt Easier

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I assured him I had no desire to affend his Sensibility or tempt him to Violate any presumable obligation under his parole but being prominently I don't find with the Rebellion his views on the questions arrising out of that rebellion would be of great Interest at the resent moment & doubtless would be of great importance & influence in the Settlement of the trouble agitating the Country and with his views only I called upon him, he replied that the prominance he had was _____ & distasteful to him that he preferred retirement & Seclusion. But was ready to make any Sacrifice to perform any honorable act that would tend to restoration of peace & tranquility to the Country. the writer said he would nay he could not go into all the details with Exactness as he had not taken notes. he said I will confuse myself to a reader of the views of Lee and Several prominent topics as I understood him to Express himself.

gen. Lee Vingence &_____

REBEL Lion

this gives attention was dirrected to his written & spoken determination to draw his Sword in defense only of his Native State and the question was raised as to what he considered defense of vengence & what degree of deliberation he had given to that Expression he Stated that as a firm & honest labour in the doctrin of State rights, he had considered his allegance Due primerily _____ State in which he was born & where _____ allways resided & although he _____ not an Advocate of cecession at the out Set when _____ _____ he honestly believed it his duty to abide her fortune he Said that he opposed Secession to the last pp 177 forseeing the ruin it was Sure to entail But when the State with drew from the _____ he had no recourse in his views of honor and Patriotism but to abide her fortune. He went with her intending to remain mostly a private citizen when he resigned his commission in the U.S. Army he had no intention of taking up arms in any other Service & least of all in a Service Antagonist to the U.S. his State however called for him & entertaining the fixed principles he did of State Sovrinity he had no alternitive but to accept the Service to which he was called Where he made use of the dectoration that have been so extensively quoted of late he had Expected only a Commission from Virginia Subsequently, when Virginia attached her self to the Southern Confederacy the Same Political impressed her to follow her & when he accepted Service under the rebel government he did so on the Principle that he was defending his Native State & yet by Accepting Such Service he was Bound in honor to Serve in any part of the Confedracy where he might be called without Refference to State lines and the reconcelation with his former avoval if any were necessary, was found in the fact that Virginia, S anding or falling with the other Southern States

in defending them all he was defending the one to which he considered his allegience due primarily.

The Significance of his Surrender & to the effect of his Surrender he was free to say it was a Severe blow to the South but not a crushing one. it was a military not a Political _____(I asked said the _____) _____ was not that Surrender _____ Surrender of the doctrine of States rights by me the general said when the South shall be wholly Subdued there will then
pp 178 undiniably be a Surrender of that doctrine but the Surrender of a Single _____ is Simply a military necessity the Army of Northern Virginia was Surrendered because further resistance on its part was would entail a useless Sacrifice of life But that Army was merely a part of the forces of the South When the South shall be found to Surrender all its forces and return to the union, it indisputably by that fact Surrenders its favorit doctrine of Secession the principle will then be Settled by Military power

STATE RIGHTS

On the question of State Sovranity the general contends that there Exists a legitmate casus billi in the Conversation that formed the original laws of the _____the question of defining the powers of the States & their relation to the general govt. was Raised but after much discussion was dropt & left unsettled it has Remained So unsettled till the present time & this war is destined to Set it at rest it is unfortunate that it was not Settled at the out Set. But it was not Settled then and it has to be Some time. the war raised on this issue cannot be considered treason if the South is forced to Submission in the Contest it of course only be looked on as a triumph of Federal powers over State Rights and the forced annihilation of the latter.

The South anxious for peace 2 years ago with refference to the war in the abstract the gen died and it his honest belief that peace was predictable two years ago has been ever since practiable up to the present day.
pp 179 when ever the general government should See fit to seek it, giving a reasonable chance for the Country a reasonable chance for the Country to Escape the consequences which the Esasperated North Seemed determined to impose the South has during all this time being ready & anxious for peace. They have been looking & waiting for some word of Comeromise or concelation from the north upon which they might have returned to the Union They were not prepared nor are they now prepared yet to come & beg for terms but they

are ready to accept any fair and honorable terms their own political views being considered, the question of Slavery did not lay in the way at all, the last men of the South have long Been anxious to do away the Institution and were quiet willing to day to See it abolished, they consider Slavery for Ever dead but with them in relation to this Subject, the question has been what will you do with the freed people? that is the serious question Today and one that cannot be winked at. it must be met practically and treated Intelligantly the Negroes must be disposed of and if this disposition can be marked out the matter of forcing them is at once Settled. But unless some human cause is adopted Based on wisdom & charactor principle you do a gross wrong & injustice to the whole Negro Rase Setting them free and it is only this consideration that has led the wisdom, intelligence & christianity of the South to support & defend the institution up to this time.

The general a National Man

he conversation then turned into other channels & finely touched on the prospects of peace & there every available form of Expression was used by the general in Speaking of the prospect of peace pp 180 probable course of the Administration then to ward the South the general remarked that if we do So & So Immediately called our attention to the Expression & Sought an Explanation of the Sense in which heard the pronoun We, but abtained none other than a marked Repitition of it. it was noticeable through out the Entire interview that in no single interview did he speak of the Southern Confederacy nor the Yankies nor the rebels he frequently alluded to the Country & Expressed a most Earnest Solubade for its restoration to peace & tranquility, Cautiously avoiding any Expression that would imply the possibility of its disintegration.

The South not yet conquered now all this is nonsense that if whiped in the East of the Mississippi, they will go to the west & if whiped there they will go to in to Mexico & then if they should be over come there I wonder where they will go then, Mr Correspondent. The New York Herald

there is two things in the Conversation that I have noticed, the first is that the writer of this has taken more trouble on himself to prove that raising this Rebellion & carrying it on is all right & that the Leaders have not done any wrong in bringing all the horrors of war with all the devistation of blood, the lamintation of widows, the Suffering of Orphans and treason brought on by the Same & another thing is that he wants to get favor with the great Rebel Leader that he respected by a large number of good men in the North & as a Soldier by Every body well I have seen Such men as you Mr. Correspondent of New York Herald. All this is Natural But there was another Subject that was yet behaved & one that very hard to

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pp 181 to make the good people North & South understand that was the Emancipation of the Curtis Slaves. this was the hard thing & he said the gen. So he Set them free they being in the County in which Arlingto is located & he in this City which I suppose is Richmond.

Throw out all the Conversation he manifacted as Earnest desire that Such Councils should prevail & Such policies perSived as would _____ to an Immediate peace implying in his remarks that peace was at our option, but he was particular to day that Should arbitrary or Vindictive or revengeful policies be adopted the End was not yet that there yet remained a great deal of Vi ality on the South & Strength there was undeveloped resources & hitherto _____ _____ resources of strength which _____ memories on our past would call int action & that the South could protect the Struggle for an indeffinate Period we might it was time destroy all that remained of the Country East of the Mississippi River by Alavish Expenditure of men & means but then we would be required to fight on the other side of that river and after Subduing them those we would be compelled to follow them into Mexico and then the Struggle would be prolonged until the whole Country would be improvished And ruined & this we would be compto do if Extermination & confiscation & general annihilation & _____ are to be our policy. For if a people are to be Destroyed they will Sell their lives as dearly as possible

Condemnation of the Assissination of President Lincoln

The gen. ConSidered this Event in itself one of the most deplorable that could have occured as a curse that was pp 182 unexampled & beyond Execution, it was a crime that no good men could approve _____ any conceivable motive undoubtably,_____ the Effort be made to fasten the responsibility of it upon the South he was confident there was not one of them that would Sanction it or approve it the Scheme was wholly unknown in the South before its Execution & would never have raised the Slightest Encouragement had it been known but on the contrary the most Severe Exceration I called the generals attention to this point to a Notice that has been printed in the Northern Papers Purporting to have been taken from a paper published in the interior of the South proposing for the sum of one million of dollars to undertake the Assissination of the President & his Cabinet the gen. affirmed that he had never seen or heard of such a proposition, nor did he believe it had ever been printed in the South though if it had it had been permitted merely as the whim of Some crazy person that could possibly amount to nothing Such a crime was anomaly in the hurting of our Country &

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we have yet before its perpitration to learn that it was possible of Either Earnest conception or actual Execution

The South

Heaven half in Earnest, in the war It was a most Singular & remarkable Expression to Escape the lips of Such a man as gen Lee. the South was never more than half in earnest in the war. I can not attempt to translate or Elucidate this Remark its utterance conveyed & to me the impression that the South was most heartly sick of the war & anxious to get back in to the Union & to peace pp 183 the _____ added that they went off after Political in a moment of passion & under the Exitement of fancid wrongs honestly believing that they were Entering a Struggle for an unaliniable right & a fundamental principle of their political creeds. A man should not be judged harshly for that which he honestly believes to be right Such was the position of the vast majority of the Southern people now and now that they are defeated they consider that they have lost Every thing that is worth contending for in the government. they have Sacrified home, friends, property, health all on the issue men do not make Such Sacrifices for nothing. they have made the Sacrifice from honest convictions.

Extirpation Schemes

And now that they have lost in the issue is in Lees opinion that unless moderation & liberality be Exercised to ward them the Country will loose its best people. Already they are Seeking to Expatriate them Selves & Numerous Schemes are Started to go in to Mexico, Brazil, to Canada, France or Else where he is called upon frequently to discontinuouse & Suppress Such undertaking the Country needs those young men. They are its Bone & Sinue, its intelligence and Enterprises, its hope for the future and wisdom demands that no effort should be Spared to keep them in the Country and pacify them Gen. Lee, Standpoint

It was a most noticeable feature of the Conversation that Lee, Strange as it may appear talked throughout as a Citizen of the United States. He seemed to plant himself on the National platform & take his observations from that Stand point pp 184 he talked calmy, deliberately , Earnestly but with no show of Interest other on different from what might be Expected from an honest believer in his pecular opinion.

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Nashville Daily Press

Thursday, May 4, 1865

Tuesday May 9 Monday May 8

Tuesday May 9 This day I dressed w mill for Runsom Hafly

Wednesday May 10 This day I staid all day at home, it was cold & rain & winty

Thursday May 11, 1865

Friday May 12, 1865 This day I took a Soldier from Mr. Kimbells Some 3 miles to the R.R. junction 2 miles from Decature, Ala his name is Lowery he belongs to the 102 V. Inft. last night there was frost in the county of limestone, North, Ala. though not Sufficient to hurt any thing. I learn today that tomorrow Rody Surrendered his forces to gen Grunges at Decature, Ala.

Saturday May 13 My knee is very sore. This morning on account of the frost yesterday morning.

pp 185 From the Nashville Press, May 4, 1865

The Terms of Peace

The conversation which had been greatly protracted terminated with some Allusions on the terms of peace here there was naturally & properly more _____ than on any other topic but it was plain from what transpired that the only question in the way of immediate peace was the ment accorded the Vanquished Every implication Seems to be Surrendered Slavery. State rights & the doctrine of Secession & what Else of political policy may be in volved in the Strife is a bandoned. The only Barier to an immediate Suspension of coalition & Return to the Union Being the treatment the National authoriters may promise those who have been resisting its powers & paramount authority it is proper to Say than general _____ So State this. But is Simply an inference from the Conversation that took place on that topic on the contrary, the gen seemed very cautious in regard terms of peace. In order to get at his views if possible, I Suggested the Conservative Sentiment of the North which propose a general amnisty to all Soldiers & military But the political leaders of the South Should be held to a sheet accountability would that be just be asked what has Mr Davis done more than any other Southerner that he should be punished it is true he occupied a permament Station as the agent of a whole people but that he made him no more or less a Rebel than the rest his acts was the act of

the whole people was his acts (now mark him in the first inhabitants of the world, the frontman) pp 186 that we have read as being sad & was alone that was seen to not be good & there was made the first woman & given to the man then that was made & beautiful garden that was filled with all the various kinds of fruit, all Sweet Pleasant Delicious to the taste & pleasant to the Sight, also all the flowers pleasant to thesmell & beautiful to the Eyes into the garden this new married couple moved & this was their home & they Enjoyed the pleasures of a new married pair. they lived in the garden where they could smell all the sweet odors of the flowers and fruit, taste all the deliciousness of the latter can on Each other & feel all the Pleasures joy & happiness that was possible for any human being to see and feel Even having the sight of Eternal glory & in the midst of all this comes a Corrupt political Asperant & upsets the Entire pleasures & brought down vingant on him self & the happy pair caused them to be drove out of that paradise then I am of opinion that the Putting the blame on the whole people is moraly wrong for they never gain their consent in toto then if any have to be punished let it be the rulers, that they may be Examples for others of rising generations, not to do as they have done, the truth is the masses have been punished Enough & will yet have to be, before the war debt is paid I am for punishing the Advocate of this horrid Calamity on our Country that led Secession at home & never went to the battle with his musket, bayonet & Cartridge Box & knap sack but went into the council chamber to still drive on. I am also in favor of punishing those that after they had done all they could in the carrying on this accursed war then Stayed at home when they pp 187 could be as safe as possible & where they still could use their influence in bringing out their Neighbors & Neighbor's sons & putting them in the horrid Strife. I believe Such men ought to Receive a double Damnation if we knowed how to administer it to them) he was not accountable for the Commencement of the Struggle on the contrary he was the last to give in to the Secession movement having Strenuously opposed it from the out set & portraying its various Consequences in his writings and in his Speeches, why therefore Should he Suffer more than others of course it was not my pacience to discuss these questions & as the Illustration disclose the bent of the generals mind it was all I wanted to know.

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General Lee's Personal Wishes for the Future

In taking Leave of the general I took occasion to Say he was greatly respected by very large body of good men in the North & that as a Soldier he was universally admired & that it was Earnestly hoped that he would yet lead an army of the United States troops in the inforcement of the Monroe doctrine, he thanked me for the Expression of Northern Sentiment to ward him self but for now fighting he felt that he was gettin too old his only desire being to be permitted to retire to private life & end his days in Seclusion. It was I thought an Evidence of painful Sadness at heart that painted the added Expression that he would been pleased had his life been taken on any of the Numerous battle fields than he had faught a winy the war.

The Custis Slaves

While talking on the Subject of Abolition of Slavery I remarked that it had lately been pp 188 in some of the Newspapers of the North that the Custis Slaves some 200, two hundred in Number who had been left in gen. Lee Custody for Emancipation had not been Emancipated the gen said this was a mistake as the Executor of the will he was required to Emancipate their Slaves at a certain time that time had arrived when the war broke out it did arrive one or two years after wards at that time he could not get to the Courts of the County in which Arlington is located to take out the Emancipation papers as prescribed by law but he did take out the papers from the Supreme Court of the State in the City liberating them all & they are so recorded in the records of the Court he sent word of their freedom to the Negroes a. Arlington & the necessary papers were Sent to those at the White House & all others that could be reached and they were all liberated with a number that were Either the generals or Mr. Lees private property.

Correspondent _____

Herald

List of Desirtis

From Tennessee Regts

Wm Jackson, 2 Tenn

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Carp Co (B)

William T. Jones, 5

Tennessee Infantry

pp 189 It is reported that Wilson from the time he left Eastport to the fighting at Selmer have been published at _____ he de ached cooks to work the first Brigade of the first division to go to Tuscaloosa & destroy what Rebel Stores & Supplies was at that place Before Crafton reached that place Wilson intercepted a rebelds patch from which he learned that gen. Jackson(Rebel) Commanding a Brigade of Forest, Command was prefacing to Mack Coxton and he detacht Col. McCook Brigade at Centerville o fall on Jackson;s flank before McCook reaches the point where he Expected to meet Jackson, the latter had met Craxton & was driving him when the approach of McCook forces to draw off & Croxton immediately proceeded to Tuscaloosa where he astroyed a large amount of Stores meeting no opposition. McCook Returned to the Main Command atSelmer Croxton returned to Monticello from where he went to Teledago astroying what Supplies was there & Crossing in to Ala. passed through Newman where he distroyed a large amount of R.R. Stock went on to Zebulon thence to forsythe & Macon on the 2nd of April, 1865. Wilson after a Severe fight Captured Selma with 2500 prisoners destroying Every thing in the Supplies or Manufactories that the town Contained, throwing pontoons across the Alabama River on which Selma is Situated, he started to Montgomery which he Reached on the 12. No resistance was made at that place but before the Rebels left they burned an imminse amount of cotton in the Street of the City, the number of bales being Estimated as high as 99,000 Bales. After Staying in Montgomery 2 nights & a day the _____ for Columbus Reaching Columbus on the night of the 16th pp 190 a sharp fight insued lasting 2 hours when the Enemy Surrendered over 1100 men was captured federal troops five killed & 24 wounded from Columbus Col Larange with the 2nd Brigade 1st Division was sent to West Point where he destroyed the Roling Stock of the Montgomery & West Point R.R. water tanks & Depots & a large amount of track including Stores & Suppliespoints West Point Lagrange went to forsythe on the Georgia Central R.R. & thence to Macon Reaching it on the 2 day of the Occupation of it by our troops gen Wilson Command reached Macon on the night of the _____ 1865 5 miles from the

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pp 190 city a flag of truce met the Advance guard of our Regiment marchind on the flank of the Command, the officer in charge of the truce informed our force of the Agreement Johnson & grant of an Armistic but no heed was paid to it Except to send the flag to Wilson who was some Miles in the rear while the Advance pushed on and Entered the town making prisoners of Several Rebels in gens. Howell Cobb & G.W. Smith from the time we left Easr Por till we arrived at Macon we lost 31 killed & 321 wounded. We left Sixty of those that could not bear to be moved in hospitals there at Montgomery all was left hurt could run no futher numbering 144, 35 were left in Columbus & all the rest taken to Macon in the fiting at Salina_____Red a blow on the head cutting through the hat but not drawing blood & a blow on the leg and inflicting a Severe bruse. Between Selma & Montgomery Wilson armed (after organizing 3,000 Negroes) with arms taken from the Rebels.

Sunday May 14 A pleasant morning

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pp ??? for in 1852 the Secession Move was set on foot after the Missouri Compromise We Repealed 1850. I Recollect well that again men of my Acquaintance Send to me that the repealing of that Compromise that that was all the way that the Union & perpetration of the U.S. could be Sustained & I asked him why he gave me no answer. he was a democrat & after wards a _____ Rebel, then the very thing that to my mind was bending the Union of the Federal government was taken away in repealing the Missouri Compromise.

One night I dreamed a dream. There was again a class of men that acts & has acted all the time in the Federal government as the Vampire. But the (history of which is thus giving in the country _____the Bat) in habits men have to bury caution in when they lie down to sleep the Reason why is because those buts are fixed that something after the fashion of a Leach they apply their mouth to the skin of the Sleeping person so ingenuoius & with their wings they fan him so Soothing, So Cooting & so delightful while Sucking his blood(which you know is the life) that he never wakes or knowing any thing about his dangers till he finds his body so feeble that Resistance to the Bait in them is vain then they have to have immediate _____ or their life is gone) This class I know & can tell you Some_ thing about them & where you may find them they are a Company of men that is banded to gather & you may find them in Every City forming what they call a Chamber of Commerce then you can find them Back in their County towns & after the _____ of the U.S. & this is what they Carry Oysters, lobsters, dried fish

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pp ??? Bukets of various kinds Country Stores & _____ Shirts, Pants & vests Candies & canned fruits of all kinds and nuts of all qualities all for the Union Soldiers _____hats,caps & playing cards, come Boys & take Some Good lagger & _____ _____ are brave Boys bully for you Boy You shall have lagger beer Boy at 1 dime a glass Boys as you are fighting for the Stars & Stripes in the mean time I had Like to forget the older Burbon Whiskey in pint bottles that the Union Soldier Boy can drink by giving (not paying) two dollars a bottle & all their other accommodations are Equally cheap that the good Union Soldier Boy can have by giving his money Equivalent to them before Named and that is the way these Vampires will Suck the peoples money all the time fanning them with the wings of Loyalty & Patriotism, Bravery & fidelity. those Vampires or blood Suckers can be Seen by thousands following the army they Suck the Soldiers Pockets and there are another Sort of the cutter or in other words the Same Sort but they are Employed by the government & they suck Uncle Sam & I do Expect I knowed them that they Sucked old Mr. Jeff while he gave the right Sort of milk but when he begun to give bad milk they quit him and joined Uncle Sam they made more noise about the Union than all the Soldiers & officers in the Army & there is not more than 10 to the hundred of human Blood Suckers or Vampires in the govt. Service.

May 15 Monday
Tuesday May 16
Wednesday May 17

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pp 195 Sweeping part thy lowly bed
With a morle yet Stately tread
Shedding their pale Armour light
Forth upon the breathless night
Bending Every man like Pleasure
In the prayers over _____ tombs
Is the Noble McCook nigh
Armed to follow thee or die
Now true heart as thou wert want
Pass thou to the Perils front
When the Banner Spines is gleaming
And the Battle _____ more Streaming
Fill the traitor quick be fore the
Till the _____ wave proudly ovr the
Dreams the falling of a leaf
Wins me from their Splendors brief
Dreams yet being the ones Loom them not
Those that Seekest the holy spots
Nor amidst Its Lone domain
Call the faith in _____ _____

Friday May 19 this day is cloudy & cool. Rain in the Evening

Bural at Decature after the
Attack of Rebel Hood on the 25 October 1865
In the Shadows of Decature
Our Brothers graves we made
When the battle day was done
And our Countrys parting Soon Seen
A field of Death Surveyed

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The Blood red Sky above us
Was darkening in to night
The Rebel watching Silently
Our Sad & hurried rate

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The voice of Tennessee River
_____ _____ & profound
And one lone fig tree where was
Racked with Shivery Sound