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THE CONFEDERACY "UNDER A CLOUD."

How Jeff. Davis' Salary was Increased.

The Exchange of Prisoners to be Resumed at Richmond.

STAMPEDE OF NEGROES TO AVOID CONSCRIPTION.

Richmond Papers Doubt the Capture of Savannah.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27th. The Richmond Examiner of Saturday acknowledges that the affairs of the Confederacy are under a cloud.

Jeff Davis having asked for an increase of salary, a bill was passed by the rebel Senate to provide for lighting and warming the executive mansion and for the supply of forage and commissary stores for the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the so-called Confederate States.

The Richmond Examiner ridicules the act with biting sarcasm.

Governor Brown, of Ga., is out in a letter to Mr. Staples complaining of his course concerning the action of the Governor on the exemption question.

Beauregard, under date of Charleston, Dec. 22d, announces that the Federals occupied Polkard, Ala., burned the government and railroad buildings and retired, being pursued by the rebels 30 miles.

The Dispatch of the 24th, says Standwaite has clothed and armed his Indians and is in the vicinity of Fort Smith attacking and destroying yankee wagons.

Fitz Hugh Lee is in the saddle again and is in the vicinity of Charlottesville, Va.

The Sentinel says the exchange of prisoners will be resumed at Richmond, in order that the 9000 due the rebels may be delivered.

The same paper says the negroes, frightened at the prospect of being conscripted, are leaving Richmond in droves, taking all their goods with them.

The latest Richmond papers doubted the reported capture of Savannah, but console themselves with the thought that if true it was all for the best.

Slave Stampedes on the Southern Borderlands

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