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"This is true Liberty, when Freeborn Men, having to advise the Public, may speak free."—Euripides.

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The Subscriber
HAS RECEIVED BY SHIP L. C. Owen from LIVERPOOL, LONDON, and EMPRESS from GLASGOW, his

Spring Importation
of
British and Foreign Merchandise,
COMPRISING A SELECT AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF

STAPLE AND FANCY Dry Goods,
Suitable for the Season,
among which may be enumerated—

a choice selection of Dress Materials; Ladies' White and Colored Hats and Bonnets, in all the latest styles.

A select assortment of Shawls, in Black and Fancy Cashmere and Imitation Black and Black Cashmere, Balmors, Lace, Veils, &c. &c.

Ladies' Sequins and Paletots, and Muslin Cloths in variety, with Trimmings of all descriptions; and the usual assortment of Cotton, Linen, woolen and Silk Staple Goods, at very moderate rates.

The Gentlemen's Furnishing Department comprises a select assortment of THE BEST TOWN MADE CLOTHING:— A choice selection of Felt, Cloth and Straw

Hats and Caps;
Gloves, Collars, Neckties, Shirts, &c. &c. Ladies', Gents' and Children's

BOOTS AND SHOES,
in all sizes and qualities, &c. &c.

ALSO,
Choice Congo TEA, Bright MOLASSES, Brown and Crushed SUGAR, New York SOLE LEATHER, BUCKETS, BROOMS, &c. &c. at Wholesale and Retail.

The above Goods having been purchased in selected the best markets and with great care.

Are now offered to the public at the very lowest prices for Cash.

W. FULL.
Charlottetown, June 3, 1867.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!
THE Subscriber would inform the Inhabitants of P. E. Island, that on the arrival of the brig ANV, from Liverpool, G. B. he will offer

Wholesale and Retail,
For Cash or good Joint Notes of Hand, Nos. 1, 2 & 3 WHITE LEAD, in 56, 28, & 14 lbs.;

Black, Red, & Yellow PAINTS, in 28 & 14 lbs.; Baled and raw LINED OILS; Canes' Southwick GLASS;

PUTTY, Black and White, in Bladders 28 and 14 lbs.;

CUT NAILS, and CUT SPIKES;
Diamond Head DECK SPIKES; Brass Rivets and Common IRON, assorted sizes; Barrels and Kegs COAL TACK;

Harrows Black and Bright VARNISHES; Coils HEMP and WIRE CORDAGE; Bolts Extra and Navy Bolted CANVANS; Hare YELLOW METAL, &c. &c.

YELLOW METAL BUTT BOLTS, 7 & 4; CLINCH RINGS, Iron and Yellow Metal; Crates and Cases GLASS, CHINA, and EARTH-ENWARE;—Crates assorted for country use.

A NEW MIXTURE for Bottoms of FISHING BOATS, much approved of by English fishermen.

Parties wanting any of the above articles will do well by calling and inspecting them, at the OLD STAND, formerly occupied by W. W. LLOYD & Co. HEAD OF LORDS WHARF, Water Street.

ARTEMAS LORD.
Oct. 29, 1866.

West India House,
Upper Great George Street.

CHRISTMAS, 1866.
THE Subscriber offers for Sale, at his Store, the following, viz:—

11 Hds. Strong Demerara SPIRITS, Hds. Holland GIN, Casks Fort and Sherry WINE, Casks Hennessy's Dark & Pale Brandy, Casks Scotch Whisky (Prime), Casks Irish WHISKY.

50 Duz. Edinburgh ALE, 6 Cases CHAMPAGNE, 40 " Blood & x PORTWINE, 40 Boxes RAISINS, 3 Bbls. CLARIFIED, 25 do RAISINS, Bags RICE, 60 Boxes FIGS, Choice Superior TEA, Bbls. Crushed SUGAR, Casks Washing Soda, Hds. and Bbls. P. R. Hds. and Bbls. P. R. MOLASSES, 6 Bbls. Keroseine OIL, 6 Bbls. Red ONIONS, 20 Duz. AM. BROOMS, 20 Duz. AM. BUCKETS.

Also,
A large stock of Spices, Fruit, &c., &c., suitable for the season. The above articles are of the very best description, and will be sold cheap for Cash.

LEMUEL MCKAY.
Charlottetown, Dec. 17, 1866.

Flour, Tea, Wines, Spirits,
AND
Groceries, &c. &c. &c.

THE Subscriber has received, and has on hand, the following GOODS, which he offers for Sale at his Store in Water Street—

Bbls. FLOUR (Extra Superfine and Fine), Bbls. CORNMEAL, Puncbans-Strong DEMERARA RUM, Hds. GIN, Casks SHERRY, Do. do. PORT WINE, Do. do. PALE BRANDY, Do. do. BROWN BRANDY, Do. do. SCOTCH WHISKY, Cases PALE BRANDY, Do. do. SCOTCH WHISKY, Do. do. OLD TOM GIN, Do. do. CONFECTIONERY, Bbls. Washing Soda, Boxes Soap, Cases Composition Candles, Do. Blackhead, Casks BOILED OIL, Coils Manila ROPE (assorted sizes), Do. Hemp ROPE (assorted sizes), Boxes Pipes, Kegs Mustard, Boxes Staroh, &c. &c. &c.

DOUGLAS M. HARRINGTON.
Water Street, Charlottetown, June 3rd, 1867.

FOR SALE.
PUNS, strong proof Demerara RUM, Do. do. Cuba (good flavor), Qr. Casks PALE BRANDY (Pine Castillon & Co.) Puncbans, Terres and Barrels Bright Retaining MOLASSES.

Hds. Terres and Barrels Bright Barbadoes and Bbls. Granulated SUGAR, Bbls. CORNMEAL, Painted PAILS, Boxes Soap, Boxes Boston Candles, 25 lbs. each Bbls. Cider Vinegar, X Y Sole LEATHER, Boxes Canned TOMATOES, 10s Bbls. Keroseine, Boxes Bunch Raisins, Half and Qr. Boxes Laver Raisins.

B. WILSON HIGGS.
Antioners' Row, Charlottetown, May 20, 1867.

NEW GOODS!
FOR
SPRING & SUMMER, 1867,
AT
Glasgow House.

THE Subscriber begs to acquaint his customers, and the public, that he has, by the Ladies and L. C. Owen from Liverpool, Empress and County of Pictou from Glasgow, and Alcona from London, completed his SPRING IMPORTATIONS, which comprise the usual assortment of

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods,
GROCERIES, &c. &c.
which are now ready for Sale.

FREDERICK LAPAGE.
Charlottetown June 3, 1867.

EUROPEAN EXCHANGE,
NEW GOODS TO ARRIVE,
Per "Lotus" from London; "Empress" from Glasgow; "L. C. Owen," "Udine," and "Helen Malcolm," from Liverpool.

35 BALES and Cases DRY GOODS,
100 Bales White and Colored Cotton Warp, 100 Bales Bleached Navy Canvas, 30 Bales Clipped Duck, for Boat Sails, 20 Hds. De-Kuiper's Gin, 4 Cases BRANDY, 4 Cases Scotch Whisky, 44 Chests and half chests TEA, 12 Kegs Bicarbonate Soda, 6 Cases Washing Soda, 6 Bales and Cases CONFECTIONERY, 6 Kegs and 3 Cases Colman's Mustard, 1 Keg Cream Tartar, 1 Cask Epsom SALTS, 1 Case Nutmegs, 3 Bbls. Currants, 1 do Indigo, 1 Bbl. ALUM, 1 Bbl. Saltpetre, 1 do Copperas, 30 Boxes Raisins, 1 Bag Pepper, 2 Cases Castor OIL, 20 Cases EAST-INDIA WARE.

Together with LARGE STOCK ON HAND, will be sold LOW to the Trade for Cash or approved credit.

P. W. HYNDMAN.
Ch'town, May 6, 1867.

P. E. ISLAND
Boot & Shoe Factory.

THE Subscriber would hereby inform his numerous friends and customers that he has in course of preparation, a very superior style of

LADIES' KID BOOT,
suitable for the coming season. Also, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Wear, in every variety, such as

Ladies' and Misses'
Balmoral Kid BOOTS, Congress BOOTS, Grain Calf Congress do, Serge do, Balmoral do, Initiation Lace do, &c. &c.

Gents' and Boys'
Calf Tap solid BOOTS, Balmoral BOOTS, do Single do, Shooting do, Grain Leather do, Knee do, Heavy Congress do, Kid do, Light do, Brogue & Shoes, &c. &c.

Wholesale Dealers before sending their orders should call and examine the large and varied stock of

Ladies' and Misses', Gents' & Boys' BOOTS & SHOES,
Specially manufactured for the Trade of P. E. Island.

GEORGE NICOLL,
South Side Queen's Square, if
March 4th, 1867.

Flour, Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Gin and Rum, &c.
THE Subscriber has in Store and for Sale—

11 Hds. Bright Porto Rito SUGAR, 25 Puns. Bright Retaining MOLASSES, 80 Puns. Demerara RUM, Pale & Colored, 150 Chests Superior Congo TEA, 25 Hds. Holland GIN, 500 Bbls. Superior Extra FLOUR, 80 Boxes LIVERPOOL SOAP, 140 Bundles White Cotton WARP, Hds. and Qr. Cases PALE BRANDY, Hds. Port and Sherry WINE.

OWEN CONNOLLY.
Ch'town, 25th Feb., 1867.

Trafford Chambers,
South John Street, Liverpool.
January 15th, 1867.

J. T. THOMAS begs to inform his friends that he has this day taken into Partnership with the JOHN T. THOMAS, JUNR. his business, which will in future be carried on under the style or Firm of

THOMAS & SON,
MERCHANTS,
Liverpool & Prince Edward Island.
Jan. 29, 1867.

House of Assembly.
PAUPER SCALES.
QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. David Fitzgerald for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Widow Smith, No. 1 £2 10 0
Widow Smith, No. 2 2 10 0
Widow Trout 2 0 0
Widow Flood 2 0 0
Widow Young 1 15 0
Mrs. Millar 1 15 0
Mrs. Smith 1 10 0
Joseph Quinn 1 10 0
William Brown 1 10 0
Catherine Bennett 1 10 0

£18 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of eight pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Thomas Duncan for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Widow Matheson £1 0 0
Widow McLeod 2 0 0
Christy McKinnon 1 10 0
Mrs. McEachern 1 0 0
The Thompsons 1 10 0
The Buchanans 1 0 0

£8 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Benevolent Irish Society for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Owen Martin (blind) £1 0 0
James Griffin 1 0 0
Theresa Bernard 1 0 0
Nancy McKory 1 0 0
Mrs. McGroun 0 10 0
Catherine Doran 0 10 0
Mrs. McLeod 0 10 0
Ann Doherty 0 10 0
Mrs. Cavanagh 0 10 0
James Flood 0 10 0
Catherine Murphy 0 10 0
Nancy Heffernan 0 10 0
Bridget FitzPatrick 0 10 0
Mrs. Flynn 0 10 0
Sarah Greenan 0 10 0
Alice McQuade 0 10 0
Mary Donnelly 0 10 0
Ann Clark 0 10 0
Mary Steel 0 10 0
Mrs. Carey 0 10 0
Mrs. Larkin 0 10 0
Ann Collins 0 10 0
Mrs. Cairns 0 10 0
Mrs. Cole 0 10 0
Widow Goodwin 0 10 0
Thomas Landrigan 0 10 0

£16 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of six pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Dr. Richey for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Widow Halsey £1 10 0
Widow Berhaut 1 0 0
Widow Weldon 1 10 0
Elizabeth Knight 1 0 0
Widow Brown 1 10 0

£6 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Hon. George Coles for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Charlottetown £1 10 0
Mrs. Michael Davies do 1 10 0
Mrs. Eleanor McKenna and 6 orphans, Lot 48 2 0 0
Mrs. McLachlan, Lot 48 1 10 0
Mrs. Doyle 2 0 0
Mrs. Curran 2 0 0
John King 1 10 0
John Fitzgerald 1 10 0
Mrs. Matthew Walsh 1 10 0

£14 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Thomas Peelan for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Jr. Patrick Heran £3 10 0
Murdoch O'Hanley 1 10 0
Mrs. McKinnon, Traadie 1 10 0
Mrs. William Malilie and orphan children 2 10 0
Mr. David Webster for advance to Mrs. W. Smith, 2 10 0

P. E. ISLAND
£13 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Hon. H. J. Callbeck for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

James Conway, Lot 30 £2 0 0
James McDonald do 2 0 0
Widow Brown, Lot 31 2 0 0
Donald Martin do 2 0 0
Christy McKinnon, Lot 23 1 10 0
Jno. McLean, Lot 23, for support of his daughter 2 0 0
Towards the support of children of the late Mrs. Martha Hutton, North River 1 10 0
Ann McNevin, widow, Lot 65, towards support of her orphan children 3 0 0
Sally McConnell, widow, Lot 65, towards support of her orphan children 3 0 0
Mary Shaw, widow, Lot 65 1 10 0
Allan Livingston, Nine Mile Creek, towards support of Mary Livingston 2 0 0
Catherine Cudihy, South Shore 1 0 0
Robert Cahill, Charlottetown 1 5 0
Mary Connelly, widow 1 5 0
William Taylor, aged and rheumatic 1 0 0
William Warren, orphan boy 1 0 0
William Burke, Lot 24 1 0 0
Malcolm McLean, Lot 23 1 0 0

£30 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Hon. F. Kelly for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

To Mr. Monaghan for advances to John King, very old and destitute £3 0 0
Mrs. Sarah McKinnon and orphans, Pisquid 2 10 0
Mrs. H. McKenzie 2 0 0
Mrs. Graham 1 10 0
Mrs. Mitchell 2 0 0
Mrs. H. McDonald 2 0 0

£13 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Alexander McLean, of Eldon, for the relief of the following destitute persons, viz:—

Ann Fraser, Widow McDonald, £1 0 0
Widow Buchanan and children, Widow McLeod, £1 0 0
Widow Beaton, Flora MacRae, £1 0 0
Widow McTavish, £1 0 0
Duncan McCallum, Christie Nicholson, £1 0 0
John Saunders, John McTavish, £1 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Alexander Munro, of Valleyfield, Lot 57, for the relief of the following destitute persons, viz:—

Margaret Nicholson, Margaret McLeod, £1 0 0
Anne McKenzie, Margaret McLeod, £1 0 0
John Beaton, Ann Lamont, £1 0 0
Ann McRae, Catherine McRae, £1 0 0
Widow Donald McDonald and children, £1 0 0
Widow Duncan McDonald and children, £1 0 0

paid to John McDougall, Esquire, of Orwell, for the relief of the following destitute persons, viz:—

Ann McDonald and children, Duncan McCallum, John Beaton, Mrs. John Beaton.

Resolved, That the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. D. McNeill, Woodville, for the relief of the following destitute persons, viz:—

Donald Munn, Widow Munn, Sarah Munn, Janet Gillis, Widow Trout, Mrs. McDougall, Jessie McLeod, Christie McDonald, Widow McLeod, Mrs. Millar, Joseph Quinn, William Brown, Catherine Bennett.

£12 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Alex. Munro for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mary McLeod £1 10 0
Widow John McLeod 1 0 0
Martin McPherson 1 5 0
Jane McLeod 1 5 0
Eddy Bruce 1 5 0
Widow Cameron 1 10 0
John Graham 1 10 0
Widow Bruce 1 5 0

£10 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of nine pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of Alexander Robertson, Esquire, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Duncan McPhail £1 15 0
James McDonald, (blind) 1 10 0
Widow Morrison 1 0 0
Flora McLeod 1 0 0
Bridget Hawanah 1 0 0
James McDonald 1 0 0
Sarah Murphy 1 0 0

£9 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of seven pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of George McKay, Esquire, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Jane and Margaret Lamont £3 0 0
McMay family 3 0 0
Mary Campbell 1 10 0
John O'Connor 1 0 0
Elizabeth Gunn 1 0 0
Widow McKay 1 0 0
William McKay 0 15 0
Widow McLeod 1 0 0
James Bernard 0 10 0
Ann McKinnon 1 0 0
Catherine Ross 0 15 0
Widow Gray 1 0 0
Nancy McLeod 1 0 0
John McLeod, for idiot girl 0 10 0

£17 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of thirteen pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of Alexander Martin, Esquire, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mary McSwain £1 10 0
Flora Nicholson do 1 5 0
Widow Cumming 1 5 0
Archibald Gillis 1 0 0
Widow McLeod 1 0 0
Janet McLeod 1 0 0
Isabella Matheson 1 0 0
Euphemia McKeuzie 1 0 0
John Dordon 1 0 0
Mary McLeod 1 0 0
Christy McLeod 1 0 0
James Nicholson 1 0 0
Mary McPherson, funeral expenses 0 10 0

£13 10 0

KING'S COUNTY.
Resolved, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of Neil Matheson, Georgetown, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mrs. Lavinia Scott, Georgetown £2 10 0
" Prudette do 2 10 0
" Hugh Logan, do 5 10 0

Dan Keenan, Georgetown Royalty, towards the maintenance of a female infant abandoned by her parents who left the Colony 2 10 0
Mrs. Sarah Power, Georgetown, 1 10 0
Mrs. Laver, senr., towards the support of the orphan children 6 10 0
Mrs. Sweeney, towards the support of her cripple son 2 0 0
Flora Rogers, for clothing her child 1 10 0
Mrs. Hugh McEachern 1 10 0
Mrs. Shea 1 10 0
Mrs. Kiley 1 10 0

£30 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of three pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of Thomas Reynolds, to assist him in the maintenance of three idiot children.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of Anthony M'Corneak, Esq., Head St. Peter's Bay, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mary Ann Noonan £1 0 0
Rod'k McNeill, St. Peter's Bay 0 15 0
Sarah Doyle, Birch Hill 0 15 0
Widow of John Poore, Birch Hill 0 15 0
Joseph Abbott, Senr., Lot 4 2 0 0
Widow Doyle, Cardigan Road 0 15 0
Susan Kelly, Marsh Road 0 10 0
Widow Berrigan, Morell 0 15 0
Widow Maher 0 15 0
Michael Farrell, Cardigan R'd 0 15 0
Widow of Thos. Poore, Birch Hill 0 15 0
Michael McDonald, St. Peter's Bay 0 10 0
Catherine Brown, Fortune Road 0 10 0
Donald McDonald and wife 2 10 0
William Walsh's son 0 15 0
Peter M'Leod's daughter 0 10 0
Angus Wilson, Cardigan Road 0 15 0
Robert Duke, Cable Head 0 15 0
Joseph Abbott, Senr., Lot 4 2 0 0
John Hallott, St. Peter's Bay 0 15 0
Ann McLeod's daughter 0 15 0
Widow Neill, St. Peter's Bay 0 15 0
Patrick Kirwan, Morell 2 0 0
Mary Miller, Fortune Road 1 5 0
Flora McEachern, Savage Harbor 0 15 0
Nancy McEachern, do 0 15 0
Noel Thomas, (blind son) 0 15 0

£25 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Reverend Donald Francis McDonald, Souris, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

James Lawler £1 0 0
Widow Ellen Maher, Souris 1 0 0
Piacentia Chisason 2 0 0
Eunice Chisason 1 0 0
Anglica Bushey 1 0 0
Mrs. Cummings, Chestow 1 5 0
Widow Knowlan 1 5 0
Julia Bushey, Souris 1 5 0
McLeod's Sn. Greenvale 1 5 0
Mrs. William Coonahan, Red House 1 0 0
Angeline Boshey, New Zealand 1 0 0
Nancy Laves 1 0 0
Alexander McDonald (John Ronald's son) 3 0 0
Mary McDonald, Red Line Road 3 0 0
Cyprian Poquet, Souris 1 0 0

£18 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of Messrs. McLay and Johnston, Grand River Wharf, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Mrs. McDonald, Grand River Road £0 15 0
Sally McLeod 0 15 0
Christy McEachern 0 15 0
Rod'k Smith, for support of his father 0 15 0
George Blackett 0 15 0
Charlotte McKeuzie 0 15 0

£5 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of eleven pounds ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Rev. Dugald McDonald, Esq., Point, for the relief of the following persons, viz:—

Elizabeth Snow £2 10 0
James Mullins and wife 7 10 0
Henry Lecky 5 0 0

£15 0 0

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH—A THRILLING NARRATIVE.
BY WILLIAM D. GENTRY.

About twenty years ago the first telegraph line in the world was built and successfully operated between Washington city and Baltimore. Since then a host of wires has been constructed through this country, connecting every city, town and village of the slightest importance in instantaneous communication. There is hardly a person living who has not, some time or other, more or less, in some degree been benefited by the telegraph. There is hardly to be found a man or woman to whose heart or pocket the telegraph has not brought words of comfort or sorrow. As an operator I have in my long years of toil noticed, perhaps, more extensively than most others the verification of this fact. Many, many times have I, in my capacity as an operator, received messages of death, which I shuddered to deliver; and could not have the courage to witness the grief, the agony of the bereaved. Sadly have I gazed upon the anxious faces of husbands and wives, parents, brothers and sisters, waiting intelligence from the absent and forever lost. Joyfully have I hurriedly sought parties bearing to them welcome news of the absent and saved. I have seen them grow bright and glow with joy. I have thousands of times experienced pleasure and pain in consequence of these messages; but never have I experienced the same sensation as on one occasion, in 1864, when the life and death of two innocent men were in my hands, and but one short message saved them in, and eighty-one miles away. To give the public a brief account of this occurrence is the object of this sketch:—

During Hunter's raid through the Valley of Virginia and down the Kanawha, two men, privates, worn out with fatigue, loss of rest and want of food, were captured by the rebels, and in other circumstances, or the incidents connected with their enlistment, it is not necessary to be specific, or to say other than they were "substitutes," and I am pretty certain, belonged to Western Virginia. On their march towards the march of Hunter's army up the Valley of Virginia, there was not an individual who participated in it, from the highest officer to the lowest private, but who experienced great anxiety and privation. Even now, whenever we meet a man who participated in the raid, we can hear of the extreme hardships of the men, or some exciting story of a hair-breadth escape from the enemy, who followed so closely upon the heels of the march. Then it is not strange that these two men "straggled" on account of their worn out condition, and fell into the enemy's hands.

After being captured by the rebels, they were heavily ironed and closely guarded for some days. Their case was deliberated upon by a drum-head court-martial, which determined that as the Confederacy was in great want of men, those parties must enlist in the Confederate service, and their arms against the Federal cause, be shot. The ultimatum of the court was presented to the prisoners, and with a terrible death staring them in the face, after two hours they determined to pursue the course which promised life and perhaps escape, and expressed their willingness to serve the Confederacy. Their limbs were at once relieved of irons, and they were given in charge of a company of the Confederate service, and immediately returned to the east and reported himself and company ready for service against the Federals, occupying the valley of the Shenandoah. They were assigned to duty in Mosby's guerrilla, and the notorious Harry Gilmore, and soon found active service against the Federals in a raid upon the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. On this raid, which proved unsuccessful, the party were accompanied by a company of Federals, and many of them, including the two men who are the subject of my story, were captured and taken to Harper's Ferry in irons. On arriving at the Ferry they were closely guarded, and although they were in a straightforward manner, they were "substitutes," and the evidence of their guilt in being captured while bearing arms against the Government in the character of guerrillas, showed all the most derogatory means of evidence known—went against them, and they were ordered to be tried by court-martial on the charge of "desertion," and "bounty-jumping." After several weeks of confinement in irons, and they were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to be shot. The sentence of the court was approved by the commanding general, and the day set for the execution. The day before the execution, Father F., a Catholic Priest and Chaplain of a regiment, then on duty at the Ferry, visited the prisoners, and they told him their story and substantiated it so far as their connection with Gilmore's robbers was concerned by the testimony of one or more other prisoners whose evidence was not allowed before the court-martial.

Father F., believing their statement, became interested, but without giving any hope for a respite, he charged them to prepare for death. His only chance was with the President, and it being late in the day, too late to reach Washington, he determined to use the telegraph. He wrote his message to the President, giving a concise history of the case, and appealed to Mr. Lincoln, asking God's mercy in behalf of the poor, cast-down prisoners.

The message was sent at once by Mr. D. J. L., then the principal operator at the Ferry, to the War Department Office.

Father F. returned to the condemned prisoners and remained with them until a late hour in the night, engaged in religious exercises, preparing the men to meet their fate.

The operator remained on duty all night, anxiously awaiting the President's reply, but there was none up to daylight, when all the wires communicating with Washington and Baltimore went down.

Nine,