

Washington May 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

The achievements of the Country during the past six or seven months, if we take a rapid glance at them are truly astonishing, a catalogue merely, of the striking Military Events during that period would almost fill a volume, Beginning with the time that Thomas almost annihilated the Army of the Rebel Genl Hood, at Fraughton and Nashville, Then following Genl Sherman in his daring plunge into the heart of Georgia, The Storming of Fort McAllister, and the Capture of Savannah, almost without a siege, with all its Wealth and vast Armaments, Then succeeding through South Carolina like a desolating tornado, Compelling the Surrender of Charleston tho not within a hundred Miles of it, capturing the Capital of the State without a Battle (Columbia), Entering North Carolina, defeating the Rebels under Johnston at Pentonville and Stuyvesant, and capturing the Capital of the State Raleigh, and to close this successful March seizes the Surrender of Johnston  
and his Army

during this time <sup>the month of</sup> March  
Gen. Terry captures  
Fort Fisher at the mouth of the  
Cape Fear River (one of the most desperate  
and heroic acts of the War) This  
compelling the surrender of Wilmington  
a few days afterwards. during this  
time also Schofield was fighting between  
Wilmington and Raleigh, around Timon  
and penetrating to Goldsboro.

It is now the latter part of March and  
Gen. Grant's Movements begin to absorb the  
attention of the Country. The rebels surprise  
and capture Fort Steadman (one of Grant's  
line of Forts) but dearly did it cost them  
for they were easily driven away, and then began  
those decisive movements and series  
of splendid victories which compelled the  
surrender of Petersburg and Richmond  
and finally the capture of Gen. Lee and  
his whole army, and the great  
Rebellion was victoriously ended.

But during this time again Gen. Canby,  
was forcing his way into Mobile,  
Gen. Nelson is "riding free", with a blood  
& horseman over Alabama and Georgia

scattering all opposition, capturing  
Selma, Montgomery and Macon.  
Stoneman is dashing through Eastern  
Tennessee and Carolina, riding at will,  
and driving all before him, John  
Taylor and Timothy Smith surrender  
which embrace about the last of the  
sebel forces. But during this period of  
six or seven months, the really most  
important events have not been yet  
mentioned, In the midst of a desolating  
war, in the smoke and heat of Battle  
as it were, there has been a quiet  
Presidential Election, and Inauguration,  
with all its usual attendant excitement,  
a draft of three hundred thousand men  
has been ordered, and the men raised,  
The Government credit has been increased  
at home and abroad a hundred fold,  
and Gold has fallen a hundred percent,  
Our great and good President has been  
assassinated, The captain Hilli? Jefferson Davis  
has been captured, ~~and impeached for treason~~  
The grand Review, The trial of the conspirators,  
Fearfully - and joyfully here in retrospect these events