Washington May 30, 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 briefly 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 General at Franklin and Nashville, then following General 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 marching through South Carolina like a desolating stormade, compelling the surrender of Charleston. Not within a hemisphere miles of it, capturing the capital of the State without a battle, Columbia, entering North Carolina, defeating the Rebels under Johnston at Bentonville and Averasboro' and capturing the capital of that State Raleigh, and taking thisuckle this monthaines the surrender of Johnston.
during this time, Lord Percy, Captain of the Month of the
Cape Fear River (one of the most desperate
and heroic acts of the war). This
compelling. The surrender of Wilmington
was a few days afterward. During this
time also, Schuyler was fighting between
Wilmington and Raleigh, announced to
and pontooning to Edenton.
It is near the latter part of March and
Grant's movements begin to absorb the
attention of the country. The rebels
seizure of Cape Fear and Fort Steadman (one of Grant's
line of forts), but greatly 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 General Lee and
his whole army, and the great
Rebellion was finally ended.
But during this time, a going Eastward,
was forcing his way into Mobile,
Lord Nelson in "riding fired" with a bloody
swordman over Alabama and Georgia
scattering all opposition, capturing Selma, Montgomery, and Macon.

Steadfast in marching through eastern Tennessee and Martinsville, living at will,
and driving all before him, then Taylor and Kirby Smith surrendered,
which embraced about the heart of the rebel 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 devastating war, in the smoke and heat of battle
or at ease, there has been a great 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.
Gold has fallen, a hundred per cent.

Our great and good President has been
absconded. The way is open. Jefferson Davis
has been captured and imprisoned.
The grand treason, the trial of the conspirators
peacefully—yes, peacefully! home in victorious them events.