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"Peace Propositions".

Apropos of peace propositions in Confederate congress by Leach

#1 Speaking generally, it is safe to say that if there had been any foundation other than the unconditional surrender of the "Confederacy" upon which to build it, we would have had peace long ago, But the quarrel is a mortal one, ---- there can be no peace the terms of which are not dictated and enforced by the Congress of the U.S." #1

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vital matter in dispute, negotiations for peace will be in order - and not till then #1

July 22. Rumors that negotiations were going on reached the press. 2 C was obliged to say "The editor of this paper has taken part in a been privy to no further or other negotiations than were fully authorized, & more than authorized; ~~but these~~ -- the imminent Chas had no immediate success. --- all that he can now add is his general inference that the pacification of our country is neither so difficult nor so distant as seems to be generally supposed.

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Ed. Co.

Davis on Peace.

W. Co. besought Davis to open peace negotiations with with Davis replied that he he repeatedly sought peace but westerns repelled - I answer He has never sought Peace on any other basis than the recognition in advance of his confederacy as an independent power.

June 10 In answer to attacks on administration for refusing to allow a confederate pun boat to bring Stephens to W. G. said "The naked truth lies here: up to this hour, the Rebels have never been ready or willing to treat with our govt on any other footing than that of independence; and this we have not been inclined to concede. When they (or us) shall have been beaten into a willingness to concede the

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Letters exchanged between Greeley & Clay, printed in Tribune July 22, Beginning July 12.

News got on 20th their first edition in ~~Tribune~~ Post G - not mentioned.

The Post under title of "The Peace Humbug" recalled the old fault of two donkeys looking at each other stupidly - the beyond below = "up 3 jackasses &c" "There was only one donkey there & 2 knaves: the former unfortunately purporting to represent the No 2 the latter the So."

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Post. July 22.

Mr G. fell into the trap & buried himself getting the pass. He wrote to the Post but Mr L somewhat used to dealing with rebels, with a hard sense that always comes to his aid, wrote to all whom it concerned, that he was ready to hear propositions for the restoration of peace, the integrity of the union, & the abandonment of slavery" — give safe conduct to authorized emissaries.

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Same time that Mr Greeley had the hobl pulled over his eyes Jacques & Clemore in R. M. G. in returning said J. Davis said to me,

"This war must go on till the last of this generation falls in his tracks, & his children seize his musket & fight our battle, unless you acknowledge our right to self-govt. We are not fighting for slavery. We are fighting for independence, & that or extermination we will have."

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tormented the men greatly in L. & finally Mr S. wrote to his relative (a Mr in Congress) dist. [illegible] to ask Mr L. to dismiss the boy. Mr S. went up to Mr L with the letter in his pocket & asked for the boy's release - Mr L. "I can't do it - Stanton won't let me." Well said Mr Stuart finally after arguing the case - "I'll just send word to old Tom — to come on & plead his own case"

"Give me that letter" said Mr L and across it - he wrote. Give this young man his dismissal (look up correct name).

Why L. rec'd people.
See Carpenter p. 280 et seq

L & Politics

See Chap XXIII in Blaine's 20 yrs in Congress.

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The opinion of L. at
end of ~~4~~ 3½ years -
compare with that at manumission

See Whitman's letter
" Abby Gibbons "

Seward's opinion
Blaine's "
Grant - "

Letter to Hackett of N.W. 2.
referring to letter of Oct 22
Oct 3. evidently
Lr letter of Aug 15 to Hackett
laughed at by newspapers
Look this off.

First Thanksgiving Day
set aside - Oct 3. 1863.

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L's Policy at end of '63
Take points of Message of Dec 8.
Amnesty Message

In spite of the heaviness of heart of the people there was no lack of faith in L. — Who it was unquestionably sure if a man who would and the war quicker would have been produced by Dem, he would be accepted.

Draft regarded as the "cruel peak of an Eastern tyrant" Aug 27 - '64.

"Common liability to L. is all that is wanted" Whig, Richmond to Democrats of the Mt. Times, Aug 29 '64.

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