

## NOTES.

Frank A. Flower, in describing his Stanton manuscript, tells me of an interview he had with General Meigs about Stanton and Lincoln, at the time of Pope's defeat. He says Lincoln was thoroughly discouraged and down-hearted and came into his office, throwing himself down into a heap in the chair, and groaning "Chase says we cannot raise any more money; Pope is licked, and McClellan has the diarrhoea; what shall I do, the bottom is out of the tub; *the bottom is out of the tub!*"

Townsend in talking of this matter to Flower says, that the contrast between Stanton and Lincoln at this juncture was remarkable. Stanton's phenomenal energy was terrible under the excitement; he was everywhere at once, issuing orders by the hundred for the saving of property in case the Confederates came into town. Lincoln, on the other hand, went about more haggard and sunken than ever.

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Flower makes a great deal out of the contest between Lincoln and Stanton about the dismissal of McClellan. He says that from the time of Pope's defeat up to the next November when McClellan was relieved (?) Lincoln never went into the War Office. He describes the night when the cabinet was considering the dismissal of McClellan, just after Pope's defeat, as tragic. Lincoln and Stanton were together for several hours in the War Department,

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scarcely speaking to each other, walking up and down, undecided and silent.

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