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1770 March 1865

Mr. Giddings claims to have led the Confederate charge at Palmetto Ranch, May 11 to 13, '65. This was against a colored regiment and in the final result the Confederates were victorious. Jeff Davis calls this the last battle of the war and says that as in the first, the Confederates were successful. Giddings claims to have been on the Rio Grande with his troops for sometime before this battle; to have had no rations; to have received supplies from the Commander of the French navy who was near him with his fleet. When he went against the Federals, the French commander sent to his aid a body of his own troops and it was by their aid that the Federals were defeated. He claims to have captured 300 men (Mex-

were defeated. He claims to have captured 300 men (Mexicans). He sent a flag of truce to the Federals inquiring whether these were in the Federal army, but not receiving any answer for some hours, he consulted the French commander about what should be done with them, saying that he had no rations to feed them. The Frenchman said that the yellow fever had so cut down his men, that he would take these Mexicans as stokers and firemen in his ships, - which he did. A few hours after this transaction a reply was received from the flag of truce. The Federals stated that the Mexicans belonged in their army. It was too late to restore them then. The war records contain nothing of this story, only reports; two from negro officers. In one of them the writer says that it was rumored that the Confederates were aided in their attack by the Imperials, but that he did not know that it was true.
