



HEADQUARTERS OF VINCENT COLLYER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE POOR AT NEW BERNE, N. C.—DISTRIBUTING CAPTURED CLOTHING TO THE NEEDY.

The captures made at New Berne, when it was taken by Burnside's army, included a vast quantity of army and navy supplies. Over 10,000 Confederate soldiers had been quartered in the barracks and forts around the city, and all the clothing gathered for their use fell into the hands of the victors. To the contrabands and poor whites, who were the chief sufferers by the destructive operations of the war, these supplies were a godsend. In the eyes of these helpless people the United States Government was a paternal institution in every sense.