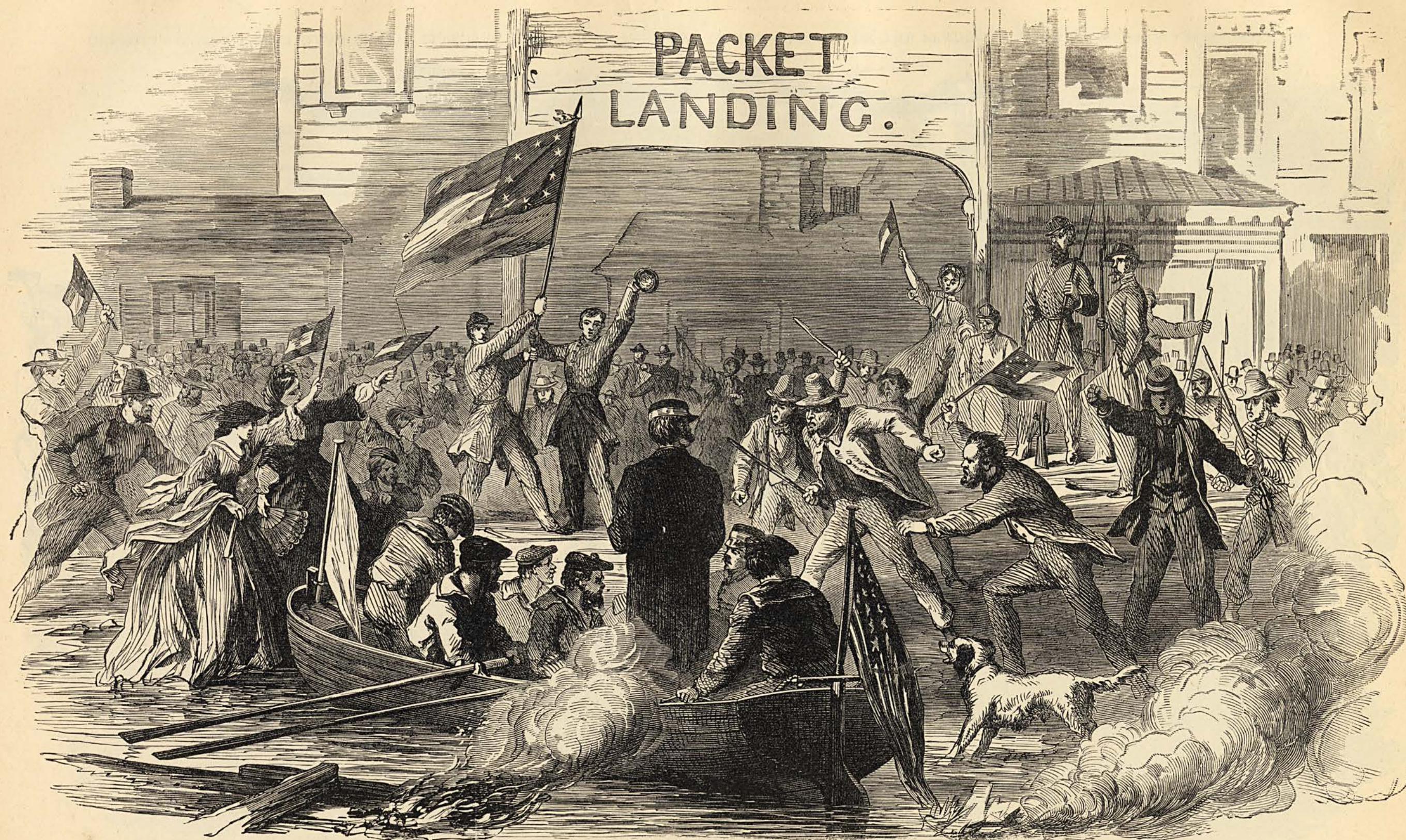




LANDING OF CAPTAIN BAILEY AT NEW ORLEANS, WITH A FLAG OF TRUCE, TO DEMAND THE SURRENDER OF THE CITY.—FROM A SKETCH BY WILLIAM WAUD.

The "Cayuga," Captain Theodorus Bailey, led the fleet attacking the defences of New Orleans, and reached the city on the morning of April 25, 1862. The city was in tremendous excitement, and the burning of cotton, ships and government stores all along the river front, together with the withdrawal of the Confederate troops there, placed the streets in control of a mob. At noon Captain Bailey and Lieutenant George H. Perkins landed alone, in the midst of an infuriated crowd that constantly threatened their lives, walked up to the City Hall and demanded the surrender of the city. No one could be found who professed to have the right to do so, whereupon it was taken possession of by marines and held until General Butler's troops arrived, on May 1, after which it was never lost to the Union. The destruction of property involved, and the loss of this port and the command of the "Mississippi" was, perhaps, the most crippling single blow the Confederacy received.