



RETURN OF A FORAGING PARTY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH REGIMENT, CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEERS, WITH THEIR SPOIL, TO BATON ROUGE. HAVING CAPTURED HORSES, CARTS, WAGONS, MULES, CONTRABANDS, PROVISIONS, ETC.—FROM A SKETCH BY J. H. SCHELL.

The fertile regions lying upon both sides of the lower Mississippi River were looked upon as the granary of the Confederacy. As fast as any portion came under Union control, all surplus stores beyond what was necessary for the non-combatants living there, were seized for the use of the army. Forage for the cavalry and the draft horses being bulky and difficult of transportation, the supplies in the region occupied were depended upon for subsistence. Receipts for the same were given, and upon proof of loyalty the owners were reimbursed.