



CAMP PRINCETON, AT ARLINGTON, VA., THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL RUNYON'S NEW JERSEY BRIGADE.

The Government and nation gradually recovered from the shock of the first Bull Run. At the first the Confederates were unduly elated, and the Federal authorities greatly depressed. It was a rude shock; but it aroused the nation to a sense of the peril and an apprehension of the magnitude of the coming conflict. From the time that the command-in-chief was given to McClellan, public spirit and hope rapidly revived. For a season the people were patient with that commander while he made his great preparations. He brought order out of chaos, and converted the national militia into an army. As winter came on, he pitched his camps beyond the river, and there gathered and disciplined the ever-swelling force under his command.