

CAPTURE OF SIXTEEN PRISONERS BY THE 54TH MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT. On the night of Friday, the 23d inst., the 54th Massachusetts (colored) regiment gained for themselves laurels which will be willingly accorded to them by the other troops in the Department. On the occasion in question, a party of sixteen rebels launched boats from James Island with the object of passing down our lines on the west side of Morris Island, in order to gain a little information with reference to the disposition of our troops in that locality.

The night was quite dark, consequently by no means favorable for the accomplishment of the rebel design. But as luck would have it, our men doing picket duty on the creek, were too vigilant for the interests of the rebels, and as they came down in their rickety skiffs, they were, at a favorable moment, challenged by a detachment of the 54th. Failing to give a satisfactory response, they were ordered to lay by their oars by our pickets, with which command they readily complied, and, as would be naturally supposed, it was not long before they were in our possession as prisoners of war.—*Port Royal New South, April, 30.*

MAIMED NEGROES. An Alexandria (La.) correspondent remarks:—

"A steamer loaded with negroes has just arrived from above; not a pleasant sight to see, for among them are many maimed and diseased men, and all are ragged and dirty beyond our experience. One cannot but be surprised at the number of maimed negroes here. Quartermaster Welch told me yesterday that his force of laborers consisted of twenty-one negroes, each having but one eye. How is this to be accounted for?"