

*A CONTRIBUTION TO THE LADIES' GUNBOAT.*

To the Editor of the Charleston Mercury: I am requested to send you the enclosed voluntary contribution of *Betty*, an aged and faithful negro servant of Mrs. A. E. Prince, of Marlborough, to aid in the purchase or construction of the Ladies' Gunboat. *Betty* had heard the ladies of the family speaking of this object, and concluded that she too might do something for *her* country; for, like thousands of her class, she was ready to relinquish many little comforts and luxuries rather than be deprived of her present happy state as the *slave* of a Southern mistress, to be made the *subject* of a monster like Abraham Lincoln.— So she brought her free will offering of \$5, saved from the earnings of years, perhaps, and presented it as follows:

"Take dis money, missis, all I got, an' give to de man what makes de boats, an' tell him from me dat I want jist sich a boat as can whip ole Blinkum an de triffin no count Yankees. I do spise de Yankees, an would do everyting in dis worl to kill de last one of em, an ole Blinkum, too."

You will please give the proper direction to the contribution. The Pee Dee ladies have raised a considerable amount for this same object, but will not report it till they have some more.

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