

The Charleston Courier.

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*Negro Riot at Fort Jackson.*—A friend at Mobile sends the following bit of cheering news to the Appeal, which, if true, is important as well as encouraging. The dispatch is dated at Mobile, December 20:

*Editor Appeal*—Col Reed, of the 12th Arkansas, captured at Point Hudson, has just arrived at Jackson. He made his escape from New Orleans on Monday last, and says the negroes had rebelled in Fort Jackson and liberated the Confederate prisoners, and had killed twenty-four out of thirty Yankee officers. The Federals had sent gunboats down, one of which had been sunk.—Col Reed states this officially, and that the negroes held the fort. M.