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*Yankee Love for the Negro.*—An officer who participated in the attack on the Yankee forces on James' Island, 16th inst., and captured a number of negroes of the 54th Massachusetts, says: One of the prisoners told me he was in Beaufort the day the negroes captured in the Combahee raid were brought in. The men were ordered into the ranks, and every one who refused was bucked and gagged in the most inhuman manner until they consented to enlist in the ranks. Some of these poor wretches were kept trussed up for three or four days, and bucked and gagged at intervals, until they gave in their adhesion and took a place in the ranks. The officer says he conversed with several of the prisoners, and they all gave substantially the same account. Many of the negroes had been induced with the promise of freedom to runaway from the plantation.

Many of these negroes, we observe by the *New South*, published at Port Royal, were deserting and returning to their masters.

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