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A SUCCESSFUL RAID.—On Friday night last, 30th ultimo, Captain M. J. KIRK, with his command of Partizan Rangers, and a small detachment from the Beaufort Artillery and 11th Regiment of Infantry, went over into the enemy's lines at "Big Island," near Port Royal Ferry, and brought away thirty-one negroes. These negroes are now at McPhersonville, in safe keeping; and amongst them are three men who are members of MONTGOMERY's negro regiment. The rest are said to belong to Mr. CHAPLIN, of Beaufort, and a few to Mr. W. H. TRESGOT, the proprietor of the Island where they were taken. As the Northern negroes were *certainly taken prisoners by mistake*, we suppose they will be returned at once within the Yankee lines. If any of the South Carolina negroes are soldiers, we presume they will be turned over at once to our State authorities to be tried for insurrection. If they are not soldiers, they ought to be returned to their masters.
