

**COL. BAKER'S CAPTURE—HIS BODY SERVANT.**—The reader will remember the announcement of the capture of Col. Alpheus Baker, Jr., at Island No. 10. His body servant Paris, who has faithfully attended him from the beginning of the war, was also at Island 10, and captured by the Yankees. Being informed by his master that they were prisoners, and asked what he wanted to do, Paris replied that he would try and get away, which he succeeded in doing, with the consent and advice of his master. He was closely watched by the Yankees, who offered him thirty dollars per month, and every inducement to go with them as a cook, and exhibited to him gold and silver, but he steadily refused their offers, and watching his opportunity, succeeded in getting out of their reach, and got to Reelfoot Lake, below Tipton. Here he crossed in a batteau, and after several days of privation, reached Bell's station, on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad, 70 miles above Memphis. He induced seven other negroes belonging to members of the same regiment, to escape with him, and although they were intercepted by some white men who threatened to shoot them if they did not stop, proceeded on their course until they reached Bell's station, whence they came to Memphis.

Thence Paris came by way of New Orleans, Mobile and Montgomery, and reached Columbus Monday afternoon, having been two weeks on his journey. He states that he was treated kindly all the way from Bell's station; the Railroads and Steamboats passing him free of charge. On the boat coming up the Alabama from Mobile to Montgomery, the negro deck hands, he said, abused him because he did not go with the Yankees.

Eleven negroes belonging to the regiment chose to remain. Paris cautioned the seven, who he found would try and escape with him, against these, and urged them to say nothing of their intention to escape, lest his plan should be discovered.

Paris says he believes our troops were betrayed by the commanding General, judging by his actions and movements on the day of the capture. He is a faithful and intelligent negro, and his statement may be considered reliable. As a reward of his fidelity, we learn that some of the citizens of Barbour county, his master's place of residence, intend to present him with a gold watch and chain.—*Columbus Sun.*