

YANKEE OPERATIONS BELOW SAVANNAH—
TALK OF AN ATTACK ON CHARLESTON.—Some days ago we republished an intimation from the *Savannah News* that the Yankees were evacuating some of their positions below that city. The *News* now furnishes us with the following additional particulars:

The enemy have evacuated St. Simon's Island. The force on the island comprised some three hundred whites and two hundred negroes, who, it seems, on learning that Captain Hazzard, with his corps of rangers, had nearly completed his arrangements for an attack on them, suddenly embarked on a couple of gunboats, and left the place. A faithful negro by the name of Henry, belonging to Captain Hazzard, who had volunteered to remain on the island and protect his master's property, being suspected by the Yankees of having rendered assistance to Captain Hazzard in a previous raid on the island, was arrested by them shortly after that affair, chained and placed in one of their gunboats, where he was kept for three weeks. He says that through the agency of negro spies, the Yankees kept a close watch on the movements of Captain Hazzard's corps, and that large rewards were offered the negroes who knew the Captain to kill him. On last Thursday week they sent over spies in the neighborhood of the Altamaha, who returned with the intelligence that Capt. Hazzard had a boat expedition nearly ready to make an attack on the island. Henry says the information caused the utmost consternation on the St. Simons. The Governor, as the Yankee commander is called, immediately summoned the negroes together and made a speech to them, in which he told them that the intention of Captain Hazzard's men was to kill every living soul on the island; that the white troops had to leave to attack Charleston; that they could not hold the island, and that every negro must leave it immediately. The same night the negroes were huddled on board the two gunboats in the greatest confusion, in the midst of which Henry effected his escape from his guards, and made his way on the wreck of a boat to his master at Camp Clinch. Henry said the Yankees had, previous to the news of Capt. Hazzard's contemplated attack, no intention of leaving the island, every acre of which they said was to be planted with cotton next season. He learned from their conversation that it was the intention of the Abolitionists to attack Charleston by land and water shortly. The island, which served as a convenient rendezvous for runaway negroes, is now entirely abandoned, the Yankees leaving only one gunboat to guard the bar against blockade runners.