The Post-Washington special says Dick Taylor has returned to Washington from Ft. Monroe, where it is understood he had an interview with Davis. The Commercial's Washington special says: The much talked of North Carolina parson recommended by Ouy, Holden and Atkinson, direct Speed, have not been granted by the President, who still holds them in advisement. It is almost certain the list will be reduced.

Gen. Hallock sailed today for California. It is stated that Gen. Howard will not interfere in the claims of freedom for pay from their late masters since the date of the proclamation of freedom.

Dick Taylor has not gone to Fort Monroe to see Davis. He wanted to go to Europe, but the President sent him back home to endeavor by his influence to restore the people to loyalty again.

The story that the Farwell has been made provisional Governor of Louisiana is also true. Application has been made for a provisional Governor, but no action has yet been taken. The trial of Weth, the Andersonville prison-keeper, will commence when taken. Charles L. Advocate of the Court, returns to the city.

News from the Rio Grande is looked upon with considerable interest, and great anxiety is manifested to learn whether Gen. Steele will succeed in preventing a serious conflict of a portion of our forces in the river with the Mexican Affairs. Affairs are in a very delicate position just now, and our Generals on the line will have to be very careful. Santa Anna's pronouncement is looked upon as entitled to little weight.

JEFF. DAVIS' FRIENDS.
New York, August 1.

The Post contains a report of proceedings at a private meeting of the friends of Jeff. Davis, held in this city yesterday to devise means to secure the release of Jeff. Davis and his associates. The meeting was held at the rooms of Mr. Carlos Butterfield, who was present at the suggestion of Mr. Potter C. yogurt. A committee was appointed to raise funds. The object was stated to be to consult and adopt other necessary measures. The following gentlemen were named as a committee: Mayor Gimbel, Carlos Butterfield, Theodor Martin, E. Douglass, and Clancy. The Mayor was absent, but he sent his regrets and assurance of hearty co-operation. Barrows, Decker, and Mr. Butterfield of Mobile were among those present.

Messrs. Cutler, Tucker, and Livingstone were the principal speakers. They regarded the failure of the rebellion but temporary. The spirit that originated it still lives, and by the assistance of their friends at the north it can be extinguished. Said Alabama would be represented in Congress by none but those in favor of Southern Independence, that Mrs. Grimke's execution had excited the indignation of the world, and that Government dare not bring Mr. Davis to trial. Mr. Butler would regard the conduct of the south as treasonable would be looked upon as a madman or a fool.