

From Washington—Four Hours Heavy Cannonading.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.

The four hours heavy cannonading across the Potomac, this afternoon, caused no trepidation, but great curiosity to learn which side had the best of the artillery duel.

Gen. McClellan to-day ordered the restoration of five fugitive slaves harbored by one regiment of Sickles' Brigade.

The Rebel army is continually shifting positions, especially of advanced posts. The reason is obvious.

Heavy cannonading was heard this afternoon for about half an hour near Lewinsville, four miles back of the Chain Bridge. The cause, as near as yet ascertained, was a reconnoissance made in force by the 3d Vermont and Maine 6th with battery. They suddenly came upon a large body of the enemy when a skirmish ensued, resulting in three killed and a few wounded on our side. The enemy's loss not known. Our force then fell back to their position near the bridge, which ended the matter.

A reconnoissance in force was made to-day, by a part of our men, with a battery at Lewinsville, when they were fired upon by a battery of the enemy.

There was a sharp cannonading for about an hour, when the enemy's battery was silenced. Seven were killed and eight wounded on our side. Of Col. Sol. Meredith's Indiana Regiment, Sergeant Sam Goodin, **Privates Oliver Hubble** and W. H. Wood killed.

Lieut. Hancock, missing; supposed to be killed; and Asbury Inslow and John Hamilton, wounded.—[Co. C n Com.