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Preface:

Owing to many inquiries and a demand created by the recent controversy, it is found expedient to republish a new edition of my father's book.

The facts contained in his work were carefully recorded and preserved by him while Chief Medical Officer at Fortress Monroe and published in 1866. It is hardly necessary to say that the incidents related by the author were then recognized as authentic. As a matter of history, this edition is now graciously offered to a new generation of readers.

William Darcy Craven.

East Orange, N.J.,

Feb. 27th, 1905.

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CHAPTER IV- Conversation with Mr. Davis on many Points. The Removal of his Shackles demanded as a Medical Necessity

CHAPTER V- Conversations of some Interest. Mr. Davis on Various Scientific Subjects

CHAPTER VI- Operations on the Southern Coast. Davis Hears that he is Indicted and to be Tried. Views of his own Defence

CHAPTER VII- Mr. Davis on the New England Character. Future of the South and Southern Blacks

CHAPTER VIII- Mr. Davis on Cruelty to Prisoners. Mexico. The Southern Leaders an Aristocracy. Lecture on the Fine Arts, by a Strange Man in a Strange Place

CHAPTER IX- Mr. Davis on Gen. Butler and Dutch Gap. He denies that Secession was Treason. His opinion of Grant, McClellan, Pope, and other Union Officers; also of Bragg, Lee and Pemberton. His Flight from Richmond and Arrest

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CHAPTER XI- Mr. Lincoln's Assassination. Ex-President Pierce-Torture of being Constantly Watched. Mr. Davis on the Members of his Cabinet and the Opponents of his Administration. Touching Tribute to the Memory of " Stonewall " Jackson

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