

Edward D. Kelchum, according to the above statements, may be set forth at \$4,200,000.

Letter from Gen. Jo. E. Johnston—The Duty of the South.

BALTIMORE, August 24.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) *Ledger*, of Tuesday, publishes the following letter of General Joseph E. Johnston :

BUFFALO SPRINGS, MECKLENBURG CO., VA., }
August 17, 1865. }

You ask my views of the future course and future interests of us all. The case is so plain that very little can be said or written upon it.

We, of the South, referred the question at issue between us and the United States to the arbitration of the sword.

The decision has been made and it is against us. We must acquiesce in that decision, accept it as final, and recognize the fact that Virginia is again one of the United States.

Our duties and interests coincide. We shall consult the one and perform the other by doing all that we can to promote the welfare of our neighbors and to restore prosperity to the country.

We should at once commence the duties of peaceful citizens, upon some useful pursuit, qualifying ourselves to vote if possible, and at the polls our votes should be cast for conservative men—men who understand and will maintain the interests of Virginia as one of the United States.

This is the course which I have recommended to all those with whom I have conversed on the subject, and that which I have adopted for myself as far as practicable.

Very truly yours,
J. E. JOHNSTON.

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