

from the Confederate Government to Messrs ~~At~~ Slidell and  
 Mason, at London and Paris. But, from further enquiries after  
 advent enquirers in England, France and Belgium, and from  
 a frequent display of Confederate bank notes to persons from whom  
 he sought this ~~concoction~~ information, ~~now~~ it was generally  
 concluded that his only mission was ~~to~~ to add clandestinely ~~to~~  
 a few thousand counterfeit notes to the paper money already in  
 circulating in the Confederate States. There were English sailors  
 who had been captured in the blockade-runners, and were going  
 home to engage in a new venture upon the sea. There were Southern  
 men also who were going out to officer or man the ships building  
 in Great Britain for the Confederate service. A proper and usual  
 proportion of the Irish element, male and female, old and young,  
 was mixed in with the rest, to make up one of those  
 motley communities that may be found on board of any of the  
 screw steamers bound from New York to Liverpool, especially  
 since the commencement of the great Secession Revolution in  
 America.