

# Exciting News.

## TERRIBLE BATTLE.

WE ARE ROUTED, WITH IM-  
MENSE LOSS.

3,000 KILLED!

OUR TROOPS RETREAT-  
ING TO WASHINGTON!

WASHINGTON, July 22, 1861.

Our troops after fighting 3 Batteries, and gaining a great victory, were eventually repulsed, and commenced a retreat to Washington. The retreat was in good order, with the rear well covered, by a good column. Our loss is from 2,500 to 3,000 killed and wounded. The fortifications in and about Washington are strongly reinforced by fresh troops.

After the latest information was received from Centreville at 7½ o'clock, last night, a series of events took place in the intensest degree disastrous; many conflicting statements are prevalent, but enough is known to say that we have suffered to an extent which has cast a deep gloom over the remnant of the army, and excited the deepest melancholy throughout Washington. The carnage has been tremendous—heavy on both sides, and is represented as frightful on our side.

We were advancing and taking the masked batteries slowly but surely, and were driving the enemy towards Manassas Junction, when they seemed reinforced by Gen. Johnston, and immediately commenced driving us back, when a panic among our troops suddenly occurred, and a regular stampede took place. It is said Gen. McDowell intended to make a stand at or about Centreville, but the panic was so fearful, that the whole army became so demoralized that it was impossible to check them, either at Centreville or Fairfax Court House.

Gen. McDowell intended to make another stand at Fairfax Court House, but our forces being in full retreat he could not accomplish the object. Beyond Fairfax the retreat was kept up until the men reached their regular camps. A portion of them re-