



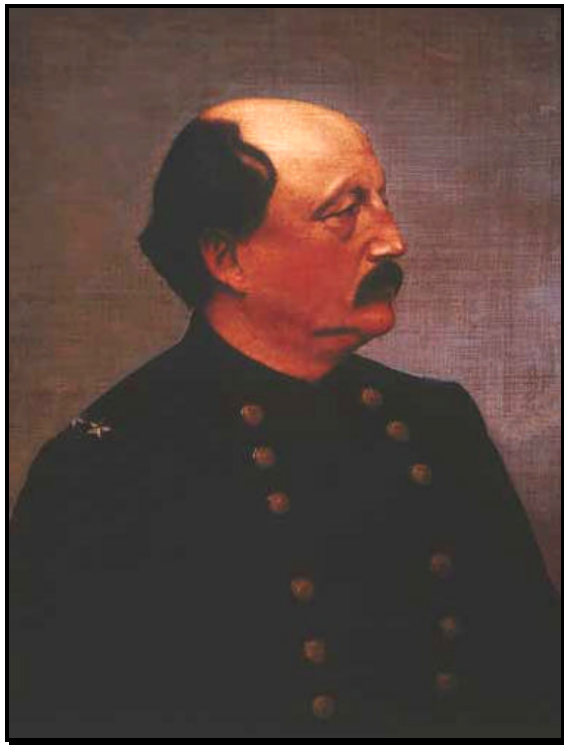
POWHATAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

✦ A Society for Civil War Studies ✦

BEN BUTLER & the CONTRABANDS with John V. Quarstein

March 17, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.

The County Seat Restaurant, 3867 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan



Benjamin Franklin Butler was reviled by Southerners after his heavy handed occupation of New Orleans in 1862, and became known forever after as “the beast.” Yet, even in his pre-war life, controversy was never a stranger to Ben Butler.

Born in Deerfield, New Hampshire in 1818, Butler became a brilliant lawyer and an ambitious politician. Serving in congress for several years he earned a reputation as a man who would do whatever it took to get what he wanted. Known to change political parties at will, Butler was initially a backer of States Rights and a supporter of Jefferson Davis for President of the United States in 1860. However, with the outbreak of war fast approaching, he raised a Massachusetts volunteer regiment and was appointed a Union Brigadier General.

Following a number of successful troop movements, he helped establish martial law in Baltimore following the riot of 1861, earning a promotion to Major General, and command of Fort Monroe in Virginia. It was here, that Benjamin Butler would put into motion a controversial policy, which would eventually lead millions of enslaved Americans on the road to freedom.

On Thursday, March 17th we welcome for a third consecutive year, John V. Quarstein. Director of the Virginia War Museum, John is a gripping, dynamic speaker who makes history come alive like no one else! We hope you will join us.

\$14.00 for PCWRT members ~ \$16.00 for non-members

Price includes dinner, soft drink, dessert, tax & gratuity

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