

# CONSCRIPTION, OF SECESSION.

## A LECTURE,

By **TILGHMAN R. VESTAL,**

At

*Village Hall*

*Wednesday* evening

*March 16.*

at

*7* o'clock.

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*Tickets to be had at* \_\_\_\_\_ *and also*  
*at the door.* ——— *Admittance, 20 Cents.*

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### Confederate Pacifist

**(CONFEDERATE.). VESTAL, TILGHMAN R.** Conscription, of Secession. A Lecture, by Tilghman R. Vestal. [Caption title]. 8vo broadside; old breaks and frayed margins repaired. Rebacked. Little Compton, R.I: Press of P.F. Little, [ca. 1866]. Some staining.  
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Highly unusual. An unwilling conscript for the Confederate Army.

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The Confederacy established conscription on April 16, 1862, a full eleven months ahead of the Union, despite Southern state sovereignty beliefs, placing conscription power in the hands of the central government. Vestal resisted the call three times and evidently barely lived to tell about it.

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