

Edition. *New York: Van Evrie, Horton & Co., No. 162 Nassau Street, Printing House Square.* 1866. [Verso of title:] *Lovejoy & Son, Electrotypers & Stereotypers, 15 Vandewater st., N. Y.* 12mo, pp. 254. 8 plates. NYH. 84179

Also issued in cheap form with printed paper covers. This collection of thirty Downing letters, which ridicules President Lincoln's policies during the Civil War, bears dates from Feb. 4th, 1862, to Jan. 30, 1864, and is preceded by an introduction stating that "It is now jest thirty years sence my first Book of Letters was printed by Harper and Kumpany." It could not be the work of Davis, however, as the attempt at a New England dialect is quite different. Words which are spelled correctly by both Smith and Davis, such as "says," "to," and "militia," are written "ses," "tu," and "milisha," and the whole effect is labored, while the letters are coarse and in poor taste. Smith's different attitude toward the war may be seen in his "Speech of John Smith." The letters appeared first in a Copperhead paper, the "New-York Weekly Caucasian," in 1862, and were continued in its successor, the "New York Weekly Day-Book" until 1864. The wood-engravings by Burr and Lusk are of little merit.

Major Jack Downing, of the Downingville Militia. *London: Frederick Warne & Co.* 1865. 16mo, pp. 256. BM. 84180

Title from the "Publishers' Circular" for Sept. 1, 1865, listed as of the series of "Yankee Fun and Frolic Books." A reprint of the "Letters of Major Jack Downing," 1864, no. 84179.

Major Jack Downing, of the Downingville Militia. With an Introduction by George Augustus Sala. *London: Ward, Lock, and Tyler.* 1865. 12mo. BM. + [Same imprint.] 1866. 12mo, pp. 100. 84181

Another edition of the same book. Title from the British Museum Catalogue, and the "Publishers' Circular" for March 15, 1866. One of the series called "Sixpenny Volume Library." This edition was also included in the volume of "Yankee Drolleries," issued in 1866 by the same publishers, as described below.

Major Jack Downing. (Northern Humour.) "The constitution is a dimmycratic machine, and it's got to be run as a dimmycratic machine, or it won't run at all!" Major Jack Downing to Lincoln. Author's Unabridged Edition. *London: George Routledge and Sons, The Broadway, Ludgate.* [1867?] [Verso of title:] *Printed by George Levey, West Harding Street.* 12mo, pp. xi, 100. NYP. 84182

In May, 1867, George Routledge and Sons announced new editions of two of the books included in the volume of "Yankee Drolleries," with introductions by G. A. Sala, published by Ward and Lock in 1866; and it is probable that this edition of "Major Jack Downing," which also has an introduction by Sala, came out about the same time, although it is not recorded in the "Publishers' Circular." The remainder of the edition, or the stereotype plates, soon passed into the hands of John Camden Hotten, who in March, 1868, issued a new edition of "Yankee Drolleries," with his own imprint in the general title, but with the Routledge imprints in the other titles.