

Estvau

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the German element in
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There was another officer in the
Confederate Army who must be
numbered with the German element:
Count B. Estvau, but the German
-Virginians would gladly disclaim
all relation to him. The so-called
"Count" came to Richmond
some years before the Confederate
episode, & lived there upon
the earnings of his two ladies,
his wife and his sister-in-law,
who gave lessons and were
acknowledged to be very highly
educated. He himself was a
very good looking jovial man
and knew how to perform
the part of an upright Austrian
country nobleman to perfection.
When the Civil War commenced
he pretended to have
recruited in No. Carolina

a regiment of Lancers and was
authorized to draw from
the Ordnance Dept the
necessary equipage. He took
all accoutrements received:
Saddles, bridles, blankets, etc., to
N. Carolina, sold the articles
at any price and disappeared.

E. went to Washington city in
full uniform of a Confederate
Colonel and claimed to have
deserted in sympathy with
the Union. He was received
with distinction, introduced
to President Lincoln and the
best society of the Union Capital.
From Wash. he went to England
and Germany, and assisted
by his ladies, wrote a book:
"Kriegsbilder aus Amerika",
first published in English
and later in German by
F. A. Brockhaus, Leipzig, 1864.
Finally Estuan ventured
to revisit his old Fatherland,
Austria and at Vienna he
was arrested and prosecuted
as a criminal.

