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FREDERICKSBURG, VA. THURSDAY' DECEMBER, 9 1897.

KING GEORGE.

EXCITING FOX CHASE.

Residence Burned.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Johnsville, King George Co., Va.,
December 6, 1897.

Thursday being our monthly court, the sovereigns from this section turned out quite generally, facing a cold north-wester. There was a very good turnout for the day. There was something missing; upon reflection I found it was the smiling and genial representative of the Free Lance.

Everything was quiet. Judge C. H. Ashton was on the bench at 11 o'clock. There was a special grand jury—brought in one indictment against Mrs. Fortune for house-breaking and stealing a piece of bacon—case to be tried at the January term, 1898.

Since my last letter Mrs. Mary McGinniss has had another paralytic stroke much worse than the first. She is considered in a sinking condition. All of her children have been summoned to her bed-side to see the last of an affectionate and devoted mother. Her son, Mr. Roy McGinnis and family, from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, arrived in time to see her alive.

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