learn. The testimony of the people goes to show that these depredations are not committed by stragglers, but by men coming across the river from their respective camps. I have found that these men generally come across in the morning and return at night to their camps.

Respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. W. CLARK,
Captain, Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., April 23, 1865.

Rear-Admiral D. D. PORTER,
Comdg. N. Atlantic Blockading Squadron, Hampton Roads, Va.:

Continue to exercise the utmost vigilance over all vessels departing from the limits of your command. Booth is endeavoring to escape by water. Send a gun-boat or some tugs to examine the shores and islands of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and all vessels in that direction, and arrest and seize all suspicious parties. If you have any tugs to spare send them into the Potomac.

GIDEON WELLES,
Secretary of the Navy.

WINCHESTER, VA., *April 23, 1865.*
(Received 9.10 a. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

Major-General Hancock desires me to inform you that about 380 of Mosby's men have surrendered. Mosby himself has fled. Lieutenant-Colonel Chapman surrendered the command, and says there will be no trouble from it hereafter.

C. H. MORGAN,
Brevet Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

WINCHESTER, VA., *April 23, 1865.*
(Received 9.10 a. m.)

Maj. Gen. C. C. AUGUR,
Commanding Department:

The headquarters of the Middle Military Division will be at Washington on and after this date until further orders.

By order of Major-General Hancock:

C. H. MORGAN,
Brevet Brigadier-General, &c.

(Same to General Stevenson.)

LEONARDTOWN, MD., *April 23, 1865—8 p. m.*

Bvt. Col. J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General:

COLONEL: I forward herewith report of Captain Buckley, sent to Captain Willauer, commanding this post, previous to my arrival. On my way here met Buckley near Bryantown, and, becoming convinced he

was of no use there, ordered him here with his men. Subsequently I relieved him from duty here and ordered him to report to General Barnes, at Point Lookout, as he assured me General Barnes only sent him here for temporary duty. I learned from Buckley himself that he did not see a single rebel. The man reported lost, Captain Willauer tells me, fell from his horse, but afterward came in. There may be now and then a rebel soldier in the county, but there is no armed band. Between 11 and 12 last night received communication from Colonel Wells from Bryantown. Rode there to-day with Captain Rogers and have just returned. I forward by boat, which takes Captain Rogers, 11 prisoners. Booth fractured a bone of his leg in jumping upon the stage, not by falling near Bryantown. Have not heard from party gone over the Patuxent River. A report has come in of a person dressed in women's clothes, believed to be a man and suspicioned of being Booth, having been seen near Great Mills, some twelve miles from here. Have sent party to investigate, although have had scout in that neighborhood every day since reaching here.

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

JNO. M. WAITE,
Major, &c.

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY DIVISION,
Falls Church, Va., April 23, 1865.

Lieut. Col. J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff, Department of Washington:

COLONEL: I have the honor to report that I sent the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, Colonel Schoonmaker commanding, to report to Brevet Brigadier-General Gamble at Fairfax Court-House, instead of the Third Massachusetts Cavalry, as I first reported, in order more fully to comply with requirements. This, however, breaks up the brigade organization of the First Brigade of the division, commanded by Brevet Brigadier-General Tibbits (at present on sick leave), who is assigned to duty by proper authority, with his brevet rank.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. H. CHAPMAN,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 23, 1865—8.30 a. m.*
(Received 9 a. m.)

Lieut. Col. J. H. TAYLOR:

Your two telegrams just received. The remaining battalion Eighth Illinois Cavalry are ordered in from Fairfax Station, Burke's Station, Annandale, and Falls Church to report to Lieutenant-Colonel Clendenin, who is ordered to Camp Casey with all the regimental property as directed in your telegram. I request authority to distribute what cavalry is left along the line for the purpose of communication. So long as any troops occupy this line I believe this to be necessary.

WM. GAMBLE,
Colonel, Commanding Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 23, 1865.

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
Commanding First Separate Brigade:

GENERAL: You were not ordered to send the regimental property of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry to Camp Casey, but to Alexandria. Distribute the cavalry now on the line as you think best.

Respectfully,

J. H. TAYLOR,
Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General.

FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 23, 1865.*
(Received 1.30 p. m.)

Col. J. H. TAYLOR,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

COLONEL: The battalion of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry and baggage train are now just starting according to orders. I have directed the remaining battalion of the Thirteenth New York Cavalry to be distributed along the line for the purpose of keeping up the communication. It is now the only cavalry on the line, and is about 300 strong.

WM. GAMBLE,
Brevet Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
April 23, 1865.

Colonel CLENDENIN,
Commanding Eighth Illinois Cavalry, Camp Casey:

You will proceed early to-morrow morning with your command to Bryantown, Md., and report to Col. H. H. Wells, at or near that place, and obey such instructions as he may give you. Should he have use for your command you will proceed with it to Leonardtown and take post near there, where you will find another battalion of your regiment under Major Waite. Major Waite will show you his instructions, which you will consider as your own until you receive further orders.

Respectfully, yours,

C. C. AUGUR,
Major-General, Commanding.

POINT LOOKOUT, MD., *April 23, 1865.*

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War:

I have just received the following dispatch from Captain Willauer, at Leonardtown:

Sergeant Bagley, of the mounted detachment stationed at Millstone Landing, informs me that J. Wilkes Booth was seen passing through Great Mills on foot about 9 o'clock this morning. He is dressed in woman's attire. The sergeant and his men

are in pursuit. I will send all the cavalry I have out immediately. Everything shall be done that can be done to secure him. The citizens recognized him as he was passing through.

S. G. WILLAUER,
Captain, Commanding.

Great Mills is situated at the head of Saint Mary's River, about ten miles from Saint Inigoes and twenty from here.

JAMES BARNES,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

(Copy to General Augur, by order Secretary of War.)

LEONARDTOWN, MD., *April 23, 1865.*

Capt. C. H. DREW,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General:

CAPTAIN: Major Waite has gone to Bryantown. He will return this evening. Colonel Taylor, chief of General Augur's staff, informs us that Booth fell near Bryantown and broke his leg. It is thought he will go down the Wicomico River, with a view of crossing the Potomac. I have ordered the infantry, in charge of Sergeant Stewart, to remain on the Wicomico and look out for the party. Booth's accomplice, Herold, is with him. All is well here.

Respectfully,

S. G. WILLAUER,
Captain, Commanding.

RELAY HOUSE, *April 23, 1865.*
(Received 8.15 a. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

The Potomac River is most carefully blockaded, and I have given orders to the flotilla to co-operate with you in your landing.

F. A. PARKER,
Commander.

POINT LOOKOUT, *April 23, 1865.*

Captain NICKERSON,
Saint Inigoes:

I have received a dispatch stating that Booth was seen at Great Mills this morning dressed as a woman. Keep a sharp lookout on Saint Mary's River.

J. BARNES,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

RELAY HOUSE, *April 23, 1865.*

Lieutenant NICKERSON,
Saint Inigoes:

Send the Heliotrope or Stepping Stones to Coan River. Co-operate fully with General Augur, and be careful that the point he speaks of be carefully guarded. Send the Ella to Washington for me without delay, and let her give the information to the gun-boats as she goes up the river.

F. A. PARKER.

HDQRS. ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH, MIDDLE MIL. DIV.,
April 23, 1865.

Major-General HANCOCK,
Comdg. Middle Military Div., Washington, D. C.:

Will members of rebel legislature of Virginia be allowed to return to their homes within the lines of the U. S. Army? There is one now outside who desires to come to his home here. If allowed, on what conditions?

A. T. A. TORBERT,
Brevet Major-General, Commanding.

WASHINGTON CITY, *April 23, 1865.*

Major-General TORBERT,
Winchester:

Notify all the subordinate commanders along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and in West Virginia to the Kanawha that they must not relax their vigilance in reference to the murderer of President Lincoln. Booth has not yet been arrested, and it is thought that he may attempt to escape in disguise as a woman or otherwise through that portion of the country.

WINF'D S. HANCOCK,
Major-General, U. S. Volunteers.

(Same to Maj. Gen. W. H. Emory, Cumberland, and Brigadier-General Stevenson, Harper's Ferry.)

HDQRS. ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH, MIDDLE MIL. DIV.,
April 23, 1865.

Major-General HANCOCK,
Comdg. Middle Military Div., Washington, D. C.:

Information received to-day from a rebel officer who gave his parole at this place leads me to think Johnston has disbanded his army.

A. T. A. TORBERT,
Brevet Major-General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH,
April 23, 1865.

Major-General HANCOCK,
Commanding Middle Military Division,
Corner F and 17th streets, Washington, D. C.:

GENERAL: Two men of Mosby's have just come in and claim to be British subjects. They wish permission to go to Canada. What shall I do in such cases?

TORBERT,
General, Commanding Army.

HEADQUARTERS,
Cumberland, April 23, 1865.

Brigadier-General HAYES,
New Creek:

The detachment to capture or drive away the rebel officers and soldiers who refuse to surrender may be sent as you propose. The officer selected to command should be prudent and reliable, and great care must be taken not to capture or disturb those who have been already paroled by General Grant or General Hancock, under arrangements made with General Lee.

By order of General Emory:

TH. MELVIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

STEPHENSON'S, *April 23, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

General Hancock will be at the Ferry about 9.30. If he has time he would like to see you a few minutes.

C. H. MORGAN,
Chief of Staff.

BALTIMORE, MD., *April 23, 1865.*

Hon. E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War:

Colonel Woolley, provost-marshal, has received a dispatch signed J. L. McPhail and dated Washington, April 23, and purporting to be by your authority. It asks for information as to boats running to Western Shore, Md., and if they are well guarded; orders all vessels trading to Western Shore to be stopped and steam-boats searched Please inform me if such are your instructions.

LEW. WALLACE,
Major-General, Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, April 23, 1865—8.05 p. m.

Maj. Gen. LEW. WALLACE,
Baltimore:

Mr. McPhail was instructed by me to procure the information and give the directions mentioned in his telegram, and if it is not furnished officers will be placed in command who will do so.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 24, 1865—10 a. m.

Maj. Gen. H. W. HALLECK,
Richmond:

Such order in respect to trade as you deem proper will be approved. Please prepare and telegraph it immediately, so that the public may know and this Department be relieved from the incessant annoyance of questions that I am unable to answer.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.