NEW BERNE, *April 17, 1865.*

General SHERMAN:

Your dispatch received, and in the absence of General Webster I have forwarded it to General Grant to-night by messenger.

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[illegible]ARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1865.

Colonel W[illegible]RIGH[illegible]
Railroad [illegible]erintendent, Goldsborough, or elsewhere:

It m[illegible] of importance that the Neuse River bridge should be do[illegible]eneral is anxious you should spare no time, but wo[illegible] and [illegible]o complete it. You can get plenty of iron here.

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

[illegible]RS. MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1865.

Captain VAN DYNE,
Goldsborough:

General Sherman directs that you run daily trains to the Neuse River, near Smithfield, for mail, courier, and other light service. We will meet them there from this side and transfer until the bridge is completed.

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 70. WAR DEPT., ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Washington, April 17, 1865.*

Extension of the Military Lines of the United States.

Ordered, That the military lines of the United States be extended to include within them the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, North Alabama, and Tennessee, and that all military restrictions upon internal trade within said lines are annulled, except in arms, ammunition, gray cloth, and all articles from which ammunition is manufactured, locomotives, cars, railroad iron, and machinery for operating railroads, telegraph wires, insulators, and instruments for operating telegraph lines, which articles are contraband of war; and all trade in, and importation thereof, within the limits aforesaid, is absolutely prohibited.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. A. NICHOLS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS, No. 56. HDQRS. MIL. DIV. OF THE MISSISSIPPI, *In the Field, Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1865.*

The general commanding announces, with pain and sorrow, that on the evening of the 11th [14th] instant, at the theater in Washington City, His Excellency the President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln,

was assassinated by one who uttered the State motto of Virginia. At the same time the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, whilst suffering from a broken arm, was also stabbed by another murderer, in his own house, but still survives, and his son was wounded, supposed fatally. It is believed by persons capable of judging that other high officers were designed to share the same fate. Thus it seems that our enemy, despairing of meeting us in open, manly warfare, begins to resort to the assassin's tools. Your general does not wish you to infer that this is universal, for he knows that the great mass of the Confederate Army would scorn to sanction such acts, but he believes it the legitimate consequence of rebellion against rightful authority. We have met every phase which this war has assumed, and must now be prepared for it in its last and worst shape, that of assassins and guerrillas; but woe unto the people who seek to expend their wild passions in such a manner, for there is but one dread result.

By order of Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1865.

Maj. Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commanding Fifteenth Army Corps:

GENERAL: Our noble President has been assassinated and is dead. Seward also, and his son. It is thought that Seward will live, but his son cannot. The assassins are said to have attempted Grant, but failed. They are reported on the track of Sherman, and the Secretary puts him on his guard. My heart is filled with gloom and sorrow. We have lost our noble head.

Respectfully,

O. O. HOWARD,
Major-General.

(Same to General Blair.)

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.
[*April 17, 1865.*]

Maj. Gen. J. A. LOGAN,
Commanding Fifteenth Army Corps, Morrisville:

GENERAL: If you have received a dispatch from me this a. m. with reference to one received from Washington, please not to publish it.

O. O. HOWARD,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Raleigh, N. C., April 17, 1865. (Received 4 p. m.)

Maj. Gen. F. P. BLAIR,
Commanding Seventeenth Army Corps:

GENERAL: The general commanding desires that the communication sent you announcing the assassination of the President be kept as secret as possible. You will please not publish it to your command.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. VAN DYKE,
Assistant Adjutant General.