HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 2, 1865.

General S. S. CARROLL,
Cumberland:

Make the arrangements at once. The brigade as mentioned will be commanded by General Duval. General Emory will be up to-morrow to relieve you. Provide the brigade with its transportation complete, and let it march here, through Romney, &c. It will take four or five days, but let it come with its transportation and subsistence. Detailed orders will be sent by mail or special messenger. Please answer when the brigade will start.

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

CUMBERLAND. *April 2, 1865.*

General C. H. MORGAN:

Your telegram just received. Brigade will start early Wednesday morning; everything complete. It will take five days to make the march. The Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania is about 600 strong now. The Twenty-eighth Ohio is only about 220 strong. The First West Virginia Veterans cannot get here in time to go with the brigade Wednesday, as the Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania has to go from Green Spring Run to relieve it. I'll order it by rail far as Martinsburg, to march from there to Winchester, and will reach there at the same time the rest of the brigade does. Its transportation will go with the brigade.

S. S. CARROLL,
Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 2, 1865.

General FESSENDEN:

GENERAL: The major-general commanding directs that you send a regiment of infantry to Berry's Ferry to-morrow by way of White Post, to return by Millwood, to gain what information is to be had concerning the enemy. Please inform the commanding officer of the regiment designated that we have an infantry force at Berryville.

Respectfully,

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

CITY POINT, VA., *April 3, 1865—8.30 a. m.*

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War:

This morning General Grant reports Petersburg evacuated, and he is confident Richmond also is. He is pushing forward to cut off, if possible, the retreating army. I start to him in a few minutes.

A. LINCOLN.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
April 3, 1865—10.30 a. m.

The PRESIDENT:

I congratulate you and the nation on the glorious news in your telegram just received. Allow me respectfully to ask you to consider whether you ought to expose the nation to the consequence of any disaster to yourself in the pursuit of a treacherous and dangerous enemy like the rebel army. If it was a question concerning yourself only I should not presume to say a word. Commanding generals are in the line of their duty in running such risks; but is the political head of a nation in the same condition?

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

CITY POINT, VA., *April 3, 1865—5 p. m.*

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War:

Yours received. Thanks for your caution, but I have already been to Petersburg. Staid with General Grant an hour and a half and returned here. It is certain now that Richmond is in our hands, and I think I will go there to-morrow. I will take care of myself.

A. LINCOLN.

CITY POINT, VA., *April 3, 1865—11 a. m.*

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

General Weitzel telegraphs as follows:

We took Richmond at 8.15 this morning. I captured many guns. The enemy left in great haste. The city is on fire in two places. Am making every effort to put it out. The people received us with enthusiastic expressions of joy.

General Grant started early this morning with army toward the Danville road to cut off Lee's retreating army if possible. President Lincoln has gone to the front.

T. S. BOWERS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

APRIL 3, 1865.

Col. T. S. BOWERS, *City Point, Va.:*

Petersburg was evacuated last night. Pursuit will be immediately made.

U. S. GRANT,
Lieutenant-General

PETERSBURG, *April 3, 1865.*

Col. T. S. BOWERS, *City Point, Va.:*

Say to the President that an officer and escort will attend him, but as to myself I start toward the Danville road with the army. I want to cut off as much of Lee's army as possible.

U. S. GRANT,
Lieutenant-General.