HEADQUARTERS FOURTH MASSACHUSETTS CAVALRY,
Camp Lee, Richmond, Va., May 3, 1865.

Maj. H. B. SCOTT,
Commanding Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry:

MAJOR: I have the honor respectfully to report that in accordance with your orders I proceeded with a detachment of the regiment to Hanover County, and have carefully scouted through that portion said to be infested by guerrillas, and have ascertained, after close and particular inquiry, that no such bands exist. The depredations complained of by Miss Goodwin, as well as many others reported by the inhabitants, who appear quiet and peaceably disposed, were committed by three stragglers from the U. S. Army, and I have heard of no outrages other than those perpetrated by them. The offenses alleged against the home guard are stated by the people generally to be utterly false. They have been acting under the orders of General Lee in the arrest of deserters, &c. Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Berkley, the two officers of the force, are both men of great respectability, and stand high in the estimation of the public. With regard to the alleged murder of the man Askew, I have been informed that he was a notoriously bad character, and was shot under lynch law as a thief and barn-burner by a party of citizens having no connection with the home guard. I have the honor further to report that stragglers from the U. S. Army are wandering through the county and exciting some alarm in the minds of the inhabitants, who are to a great extent, particularly the small farmers, in a state of great destitution and in numerous cases totally unable to cultivate their lands for want of horses and mules.

I have the honor to be, major, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH J. BAKER,
Captain, Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry, Commanding Detachment.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
May 3, 1865.

Col. E. W. SMITH,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

I am in camp below Bailey's Creek. This is the nearest camp below City Point I could get. I will build a bridge across the creek, and will appoint some brigade commander post commander as soon as the garrison reports to me. I will make my headquarters with my troops.

G. WEITZEL,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
Washington, D. C., May 3, 1865.

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

GENERAL: The major-general commanding directs that you send a brigade of infantry to Dover, Del., to encamp in the vicinity of the town until further orders.

I am, general, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. B. PARSONS,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
May 3, 1865.

Bvt. Maj. Gen. O. B. WILLCOX,
Commanding District of Washington:

GENERAL: The major-general commanding desires the following changes made in the disposition of troops on the Upper Potomac, viz: The line of pickets now on the river to be relieved and patrols established instead; the command to be concentrated, with headquarters at Darnestown—one company at Rockville, one company at Poolesville, and strong detachments at Edwards and Conrad's Ferries, and such other important points on the river as you may designate. He desires also that the commanding officer be directed to pick up all paroled prisoners within his limits, sending those who decline to take the oath of allegiance to Col. T. Ingraham, provost-marshal of this city, with rolls specifying name, rank, and residence. Those who announce their willingness to take the oath of allegiance will be permitted to return to their homes to await the action of the War Department. Rolls specifying name, rank, and residence of such will be forwarded to the Adjutant-General's Office through these headquarters.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE PATUXENT,
Port Tobacco, Md., May 3, 1865.

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

COLONEL: I have the honor to report that I assumed command of this district this morning and found everything in much better shape than I expected, owing to the energy and skill of Colonel Wells. I have made no different dispositions of the troops from those reported by Colonel Wells to you. I would respectfully suggest that the hour of departure of the boat from Washington be changed to 1.30 p. m., which would get her here before dark. The channel is very bad here, and in the night is very difficult to find.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOS. J. BARTLETT,
Brevet Major-General, Commanding.

[Indorsement.]

Boat now leaves at 4 p. m. The general would like the hour changed, as requested by General Bartlett.

J. H. T[AYLOR].

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 5. } HDQRS. DISTRICT OF ALEXANDRIA, NINTH ARMY CORPS, *May 3, 1865.*

1. Brig. Gen. S. G. Griffin, Second Brigade, Second Division, Ninth Army Corps, is assigned to the command of the Second Division of the corps.