LEONARDTOWN, *April 24, 1865—6.20 p. m.*

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

Six men captured last night between this and Saint Mary's River trying to cross to Virginia shore. Am scouring the country well as possible from Wicomico to Piney Point to prevent the assassins crossing the river, if they have not already done so. During the night I have small body patrolling along the shore at different points on the river. Party from Calvert County in. Make nothing. Are paroled officers and men from Lee's army allowed to come to this county at this time?

J. M. WAITE,
Major.

CUMBERLAND, *April 24, 1865—8 p. m.*

Brig. Gen. C. H. MORGAN,
Chief of Staff, Middle Military Division, Washington:

Captain McNeill and other rebel officers with flag of truce have come to the outposts at New Creek. They are not prepared to surrender their commands now, but ask that hostilities may be suspended in Hardy County until they get the information required to determine their course. I have instructed General Hayes, commanding at New Creek, to reply that the armistice asked for is improper, and cannot be granted. I had ordered a raid of 200 cavalry to ferret out and capture these officers to-morrow, whom I heard were interfering with the surrender of the men, fifty of whom have already surrendered and thirty-five more are engaged to surrender to-morrow morning at the picket-post near Cumberland. Does the general commanding see objection to this raid going on?

W. H. EMORY,
Brevet Major-General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 24, 1865.

Major-General EMORY,
Cumberland:

The general sees no objection to the raid going on. He considers that time enough has elapsed for the men to make up their minds. General Grant's instructions in a similar case with regard to Mosby were to hunt his men down if they did not surrender; and that if after being offered terms the guerrilla parties still hold out they are not entitled to quarter.

C. H. MORGAN,
Brevet Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH,
Winchester, April 24, 1865.

Brevet Major-General EMORY,
Cumberland, Md.:

GENERAL: I have just received the following dispatch from General Hancock and send it to you, as I presume it was so intended:

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 murderers of President Lincoln. Booth has not 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.

Yours, &c.

TORBERT,
General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 24, 1865.

Brevet Major-General TORBERT,
Commanding Army of the Shenandoah, Winchester, Va.:

Major-General Hancock directs that you make arrangements for moving the Remount Camp from Pleasant Valley without delay. The order will probably reach you to-day by telegraph. The exact place at which the new camp is to be established is not yet determined.

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

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH,
Winchester, Va., April 24, 1865.

Lieutenant-Colonel FITZ SIMONS,
Commanding Remount Camp, Pleasant Valley:

COLONEL: Make arrangements at once to move all of the dismounted cavalry belonging to the First, Second and Third Divisions of cavalry, except those belonging to regiments up here. The latter you have orders for to come to the front. All officers belonging to regiments up here will be ordered here. If Captain Robertson wants a guard for the battery going down let him have them. If it is necessary for Captain Bean to have men at the canal take them from regiments up here just as far as possible.

TORBERT,
General, Chief of Cavalry, Commanding.

WINCHESTER, *April 24, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

GENERAL: Have just received orders from General Hancock to prepare all of the dismounted cavalry belonging to regiments with General Sheridan to be moved to a camp near Washington. If any are away from the camp on railroad, &c., will you please order them in at once? The Twenty-fifth New York will remain with you.

TORBERT,
General and Chief of Cavalry, Commanding.

CUMBERLAND, *April 24, 1865.*

Brigadier-General HAYES,
New Creek:

An armistice for a week or other time with any rebel officer in your front would be improper and cannot be granted. You can say to Captain McNeill and the other officers with him that their surrender

will be received on the same terms as were given to General Lee, except that those having homes in Maryland, or other loyal States, cannot go to them unless by special permission of the Secretary of War, or upon taking the oath and complying with the conditions prescribed by the President's amnesty proclamation of December 8, 1864.

By order of General Emory:

TH. MELVIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

CUMBERLAND, *April 24, 1865.*

Brigadier-General HAYES,
New Creek:

The proposition of Captain McNeill for armistice has been submitted to the general commanding military division, who approves the instructions already conveyed to you, and moreover decides that sufficient time has elapsed for these men to make up their minds, and if they do not surrender on the liberal terms now offered they will be hunted down, and when captured shown no quarter. The army to which they belong has surrendered, and further persistence in offensive operations will stamp them as guerrillas and robbers, and the Government will be compelled to treat them accordingly. You will start out your raiding party to-morrow as heretofore arranged, and direct the officer in command to make this decision and determination of the general commanding known to the soldiers and people on his route.

By order of General Emory:

TH. MELVIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY, MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
April 24, 1865.

Brigadier-General RAUM,
Commanding, Summit Point:

The commanding general directs that you order Battery D, First Rhode Island Artillery, to report to Colonel Piper, chief of artillery, with his battery, to-morrow, the 25th instant. An escort of 100 cavalry, with a horse battery, will leave Charlestown to-morrow a. m. to come to this place. Have Battery D, First Rhode Island Artillery, meet this escort and come up with it. Direct the commanding officer of the battery to stop his command at Stephenson's Station and report in person to Colonel Piper for further instructions.

WM. RUSSELL, JR.,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

BALTIMORE, MD., *April 24, 1865.*

Hon. E. M. STANTON:

The provost-marshal of the department reports to me that there are now a dozen gun-boats patrolling between Baltimore and Point Lookout, beside the tugs; Patuxent River is already blockaded, not a vessel allowed to come out, and that there is a perfect chain of picket-

boats from Washington around to Baltimore. I have ordered guards to be put on every steamer plying between Baltimore and Annapolis and points on the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland.

LEW. WALLACE,
Major-General.

BALTIMORE, *April 24, 1865.*

Colonel SEWALL,
Annapolis:

Do not permit any boats to leave Annapolis for points on the Western Shore of Maryland. No passes will therefore be given to said point.

By command of Major-General Wallace:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HDQRS. MIDDLE DEPARTMENT, EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
Baltimore, April 24, 1865

Colonel SEWALL,
Commanding Officer, Annapolis, Md.:

Place a guard in charge of an armed officer on every boat that leaves Annapolis for points on the Eastern or Western Shores of Maryland, if a guard has not already been furnished from here or elsewhere. Direct the officer to carefully observe all persons and arrest all suspicious characters. Report your action.

By command of Major-General Wallace:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

PORT TOBACCO, MD., *April 24, 1865—10 a. m.*
(Received 11 a. m.)

Major ECKERT:

Have just met Major O'Beirne, whose force had arrested Doctor Mudd and Thompson. Mudd set Booth's left leg (fractured), furnished crutches, and helped him and Herold off. They have been tracked as far as the swamp near Bryantown, and under one theory it is possible they may be still concealed in swamp which leads from Bryantown to Allen's Fresh, or in neck of land between Wicomico and Potomac Rivers. Other evidence leads to the belief that they crossed from Swan Point to White Point, Va., on Sunday morning, April 16, about 9.30, in a small boat, also captured by Major O'Beirne. John M. Lloyd has been arrested, and virtually acknowledged complicity. I will continue with Major O'Beirne, in whom I have very great confidence. We propose first to thoroughly scour swamp and country to-day, and if unsuccessful and additional evidence will justify it, we then propose to cross with force into Virginia and follow up that trail as long as there is any hope. At all events we will keep moving, and if there is any chance you may rely upon our making most of it. Country here is being thoroughly scoured by infantry and cavalry.

S. H. BECKWITH.