HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
*Halifax Road, Below Petersburg, April 14, 1865.*

G. M. HUNTINGTON,
*Superintendent, &c., City Point, Va.:*

I am ordered into camp with my corps on the line of the military road from City Point to the late camp of the Army of the Potomac, beyond and upon its intersection with the Weldon road. Please do not allow this road to be disturbed, and make arrangements for trains to bring up my supplies from City Point. Regular trains daily would be desirable. I will be in camp to-night.

G. WEITZEL,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 14, 1865.*

Capt. FINLEY ANDERSON,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, First Corps, Washington:*

The remaining regiments at Camp Stoneman will not move at present. Direct Colonel Morgan to place them in camp in shelter-tents convenient to Camp Stoneman.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 14, 1865.*

General C. C. AUGUR,
*Commanding Department of Washington:*

General Hancock has decided to send a force of cavalry and infantry through Loudoun and Fauquier Counties with the intention of breaking up Mosby's band. He has been summoned to surrender on the terms given Lee, but does not comply. All the cavalry here will move across the river near Front Royal, crossing early Sunday morning, and by Sunday night will occupy a line from Ashby's Gap to Aldie so as to prevent egress. Infantry will be sent on the Blue Ridge. The general would like the co-operation of your cavalry. It should move by Leesburg, and connect on Sunday with General Torbert at Aldie and cover the ground to the river, holding all the roads over the Catoctin range, passing through to the west side if practicable. General Torbert will meet your commander at Aldie on Sunday and give him further instructions. The general instructions will be to arrest every able-bodied man not provided with a parole, and to seize all serviceable animals found in the possession of people whose loyalty is not undoubted. The general desires all seizures to be made under direction of officers, and with such care as to render reference easy to any particular case that may come up hereafter in the shape of claims for stock.

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



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 14, 1865.*

General MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff, Winchester:*

The Eighth Illinois and Sixteenth New York Cavalry will leave for Leesburg to-morrow under command of General Gamble, who will meet General Torbert at Aldie on Sunday. Your dispatch says that all able-bodied men who have no paroles are to be arrested. Is it meant by this that all citizens are to be arrested? Very few of them have any parole.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 14, 1865.*

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

The general does not care about having the Third Regiment, or any more of the regiments, at Camp Stoneman ordered here at present.

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

Col. G. W. GILE,
*Commanding First Brigade, Veteran Reserve Corps:*

COLONEL: The major-general commanding directs that you detail a commissioned officer and ten enlisted men to accompany train which leaves this city for Baltimore April 15. Shortly after leaving the city the officer in charge will search every car in the train and arrest, if found, J. Wilkes Booth, and other parties whom you may deem it for the interest of the service to apprehend. At each stopping place or station this search will be made. The party will in each case return to Washington by the train leaving Baltimore first after its arrival there, and carry out the same instructions on the return trip.

Very respectfully, colonel, your most obedient servant,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

General HARDIN,
*Commanding Division:*

Have the battalion of the Thirteenth New York Cavalry on duty with you sent to Fairfax Court-House early to-morrow morning.

Respectfully, yours,

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

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

Colonel THOMPSON, *Commanding at Darnestown:*

COLONEL: An attempt has been made to assassinate President Lincoln and Secretary Seward. The assassins are supposed to have escaped toward Maryland. Send all your available people at once to scout north of Washington and arrest all suspicious persons. Report.

By order of Major-General Augur:

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 14, 1865.*

General SLOUGH, *Commanding, Alexandria:*

Attempts have been made upon the lives of Mr. Lincoln and Secretary Seward. It is not known in which direction the assassin has escaped. Have all your police and detectives out, and see that no one leaves the city until further orders.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Commanding at Fairfax Court-House:*

GENERAL: I am directed by the major-general commanding to inclose, as I do herewith, official copy of instructions received this day from headquarters Middle Military Division.* In compliance with them he directs that you move early a. m. April 15, with the regiments Eighth Illinois and Sixteenth New York Cavalry, via Leesburg, to Aldie, connecting on Sunday, April 16, at that place with General Torbert, to whom you will report for further instructions. You will cover from Aldie and the river, holding all roads over the Catoctin Range, and reaching through to the west side, if practicable. Blank copies of paroles and general orders for your guidance are forwarded by Major Waite.

Very respectfully, general, your most obedient servant,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 14, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Commanding at Fairfax Court-House:*

GENERAL: Send on the expedition proposed, Colonel Sweitzer, Sixteenth New York Cavalry, with his entire regiment. If a force is

* See Morgan to Augur, p. 750.



required in front of the line now occupied by him during his absence it can be furnished from the Eighth Illinois Cavalry. Send an officer to report at these headquarters at 9 a. m. April 15, to obtain rations and forage to meet the expedition at Boyd's Hole. Do not send any of the Eighth Illinois with Colonel Sweitzer. No artillery is needed.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 14, 1865.*
(Received 1 p. m.)

General C. C. AUGUR,
*Commanding, &c.:*

GENERAL: The cavalry will be ready on Saturday for the expedition you mentioned to me. By a two days' march from here the cavalry can connect with the fleet in the river at Boyd's Hole, instead of Belle Plain. Rations for three days and forage for two days can be brought on the horses.

WM. GAMBLE,
*Brevet Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 14, 1865.*

General GAMBLE,
*Commanding at Fairfax Court-House:*

Will your command be ready to start to-morrow morning? Give me the number of men and horses that will accompany it. I have information that 300 of Mosby's command passed through Falmouth on the 11th for Fauquier and Loudoun Counties.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 14, 1865.*
(Received 7.30 p. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

GENERAL: The cavalry (800) will be ready to-morrow morning. Please give me the necessary orders and instructions in regard to the march. Colonel Sweitzer will be in command unless otherwise ordered.

W. GAMBLE,
*Colonel.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 14, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Fairfax Court-House:*

GENERAL: The expedition to the Northern Neck is countermanded. Have the Eighth Illinois and Sixteenth New York prepared to move

early to-morrow morning, April 15. Go in person in command. Carry three days' forage. Major Waite goes to Fairfax Court-House this p. m., with dispatches for your guidance. The battalion Thirteenth New York Cavalry in Washington will move to Fairfax April 15. One squadron to take post at the station, and the other at the Court-House. Direct Colonel Gansevoort to occupy Vienna with a squadron of the battalion at Prospect Hill. Take no artillery. Concentrate the Eighth Illinois. Leave no men of the Sixteenth or Eighth in camp who are effective. Report departure and strength.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

Col. N. B. SWEITZER,
*Commanding Sixteenth New York Cavalry:*

The major-general commanding directs me to inform you that the object of your expedition is to rid the section of country in which you operate of detached bodies of rebels and guerrillas. In the event of your meeting a force of these people you will offer them under a flag the terms granted to General Lee's army by the order of Lieutenant-General Grant, U. S. Army, accepting the surrender of that army. If they refuse the terms proffered they will of course be attacked and captured or destroyed if possible. Blank paroles and general orders specifying the course to be pursued in paroling are forwarded by Major Waite, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, acting assistant inspector-general, at these headquarters, who will accompany you. The major-general commanding directs further that you take means to prevent pillaging and robbing or straggling by your people. No property, excepting that held by the rebels in arms which cannot be brought in by you, will be destroyed. You are expected to embrace in your operations the entire Northern Neck. These headquarters will communicate with you at Boyd's Hole.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 14, 1865.*

Commander PARKER, U. S. Navy,
*Saint Inigoes, Md.:*

An attempt has been made this p. m. to assassinate the President and the Secretary of State. The parties may escape or attempt to escape across the Potomac.

Respectfully,

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

(For the major-general commanding.)



HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 11, 1865.*

Brigadier-General DWIGHT:

An order is issued to-night directing a detail of one brigade of your division for special service. It will move to-morrow night with three days' rations in haversacks and six days' rations in wagons. The general wishes you to detail a brigade not commanded by a general officer if practicable, as General Egan, who is placed in command of the expedition composed of three brigades, has not much rank.

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

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HARPER'S FERRY, *April 11, 1865.*

General MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff:*

In accordance with the orders of the major-general commanding, I have withdrawn the force of dismounted men from Summit Point and ordered Major Lusk to occupy Charlestown. He telegraphs me this morning that on arrival at Charlestown he found the town occupied by Colonel Peck, One hundred and seventy-third New York Volunteers, who interfered with the execution of his orders. The general's directions, telegraph of 10th instant, are for me to "relieve all dismounted cavalry as far as Charlestown. General Dwight will be directed to protect the railroad from your post at Charlestown to the Opequon bridge." This officer at Charlestown is there evidently in violation of the expressed purpose of the general commanding. I would respectfully ask that he be ordered to withdraw his command from the post to the line of road, as contemplated by the general commanding.

JOHN D. STEVENSON,
*Brigadier-General.*

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WINCHESTER, *April 11, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

General Dwight has been directed to withdraw the One hundred and seventy-third New York. Please send up to Stephenson's Depot, in care of Captain Wray, the canvas bridge train which arrived at the Ferry day before yesterday. It should be at Stephenson's some time to-night.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 11, 1865.*

General J. D. STEVENSON,
*Harper's Ferry:*

An order will reach you to-morrow directing you to picket the Shenandoah so as to prevent any crossing from Harper's Ferry to Evitt's Run for three or four days while a large force is operating in Loudoun. You can use any troops you see fit for that purpose. The men should

be supplied with three days' rations and the picket-line should be established at early day on Sunday, the men moving in the night. The river line from Sandy Hook down should also be well picketed.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

If you have a few men thoroughly acquainted with the people of Loudoun send them up to-morrow to me as guides.

C. H. M.

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HARPER'S FERRY, *April 14, 1865.*

Major LUSK,
*Commanding, Charlestown, Va.:*

The One hundred and seventy-third New York has been ordered to withdraw from Charlestown. You will occupy that post, connecting with the pickets from Halltown.

JOHN D. STEVENSON,
*Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS,
*Baltimore, April 14, 1865.*

Colonel SEWALL,
*Annapolis:*

Permit no boats to leave Annapolis until further orders. Arrest all suspicious persons. No trains will be allowed to pass over the road. Suppress any outbreak. There will undoubtedly be great excitement over the assassination of the President and Secretary of State.

By order of Brigadier-General Morris:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
*April 14, 1865—Midnight.*

General AUGUR:

The Secretary directs that the troops turn out; the guards be doubled; the forts be alert; guns manned; special vigilance and guard about the Capitol Prison. I advise, if your men are not sufficiently numerous, call upon General Rucker for assistance in furnishing guards.

M. C. MEIGS,
*Quartermaster-General and Brevet Major-General.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*April 15, 1865—12.50 a. m.*

Lieutenant-General GRANT,
*Philadelphia:*

Permit me to suggest to you to keep a close watch on all persons who come near you in the cars or otherwise; also, that an engine be sent in front of the train to guard against anything being on the track.

C. A. DANA,
*Assistant Secretary of War.*



WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 15, 1865.*

Lieutenant-General GRANT:

GENERAL: I beg to call your attention to the security of this city, and especially to the large number of rebel officers and privates, prisoners of war, and rebel refugees, and deserters that are among us, and ask you to see that adequate force and vigilance are employed. Directions were given Major General Augur on this subject last night, and also instructions to look to the condition of the forts and defenses. Adequate provision may have been made, but at the present deplorable juncture I feel it my duty to ask you to consider yourself specially charged with all matters pertaining to the security and defense of this national capital. Please acknowledge the receipt of these instructions.

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*April 15, 1865—12.50 a. m.*

JOHN W. GARRETT,
*Baltimore:*

Lieutenant-General Grant is now returning to this city, where he is recalled by the assassination of the President. Please have your road in readiness to give him the most prompt and unimpeded passage.

C. A. DANA.

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CAMDEN STATION, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 3 a. m.)

Hon. C. A. DANA,
*Assistant Secretary of War:*

I have instructed every arrangement to be made to insure the safety and the most prompt passage of the lieutenant-general. I am greatly shocked by the terrible calamity you announce. Pray advise us of any service we can render in any form.

J. W. GARRETT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 15, 1865.*

Mrs. U. S. GRANT,
*Burlington:*

I am requested by the lieutenant-general to inform you of his safe arrival. Please inform Mrs. Dent. The President died this morning. There are still hopes of Secretary Seward's recovery.

S. H. BECKWITH.

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CAMDEN STATION, *Baltimore, April 15, 1865.*
(Received 12.15 p. m.)

Maj. Gen. H. W. HALLECK:

Please direct General Hancock to send a regiment of infantry to Havre de Grace bridge without delay. One company of cavalry should

also be sent there for the present. If you can bring down from the North a regiment sooner than it could be got from Hancock you may direct one from there to Havre de Grace.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865.*

Hon. E. B. WASHBURNE,
*City Point:*

I will not go to Richmond for ten days or more. I cannot leave here at present.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
*April 15, 1865—1 p. m.*

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT:

A dispatch yesterday received from Major-General Gibbon stated that, owing to the large amount of property found at Lynchburg and the condition of the roads, it would require at least a week before it could be all removed. To-day we have a very heavy rain-storm which will protract this operation and render the transmission of supplies to Farmville very difficult.

GEO. G. MEADE,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
*April 15, 1865—2 p. m.*

Lieutenant-General GRANT:

I see by an order, in the Richmond Whig, of Major-General Ord's, that passes to visit Richmond are not to be respected unless signed by the Secretary of War, yourself, or Major-General Ord. I have to request that you will authorize my giving passes to such officers of this army as can be spared who desire to visit Richmond, and, if I am so authorized, that you will notify Major-General Ord to that effect.

GEO. G. MEADE,
*Major-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
No. —. } *April 15, 1865.*

The corps will march at 6 a. m. to-morrow and in the following order: First Division, Third Division, Second Division; artillery and trains in rear. General Ayres will detail one good regiment as rear guard. The corps goes to Farmville to-morrow.

By command of Brevet Major-General Griffin:

FRED. T. LOCKE,
***Brevet Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.***



HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Major-General WEBB,
*Chief of Staff:*

With deepest sorrow the dispatch announcing the assassination of the President of the United States and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of State is received, and I advise that every officer of the rebel army within control of the Army of the Potomac be at once closely confined, with a view to retaliation upon their persons for so horrible an outrage.

H. G. WRIGHT,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD DIVISION, SIXTH ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

*Recommendations for promotion for gallant conduct at the battle of Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865.*

Staff, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps: Capt. and Bvt. Maj. Andrew J. Smith, One hundred and twenty second New York Volunteers, acting assistant adjutant-general, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. and Bvt. Maj. O. V. Tracy, One hundred and twenty-second New York Volunteers, division inspector, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. E. S. Norvell, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, chief of pioneers, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, to be brevet major; First Lieut. R. N. Verplanck, One hundred and eighteenth U. S. Colored Troops, aide-de-camp, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. S. H. Lewis, jr., Tenth Vermont Volunteers, provost guard, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, to be brevet captain.

First Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps: Col. William S. Truex, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, commanding brigade, to be brevet brigadier-general; Capt. and Bvt. Maj. Charles H. Leonard, assistant adjutant-general, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. and Bvt. Maj. Charles M. Bartruff, acting aide-de-camp, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. Benjamin F. Miller, acting aide-de-camp, to be brevet major; Lieut. Col. George B. Damon, Tenth Vermont Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Lieut. Col. Alvah W. Briggs, One hundred and sixth New York Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Lieut. Col. J. J. Janeway, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Lieut. Col. Charles Bogardus, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Capt. Thomas Shaw, One hundred and sixth New York Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. and Bvt. Maj. S. C. Bailey, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. Cornelius S. Barkalow, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Hiram A. Kimball, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Hobart Williams, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. George J. Oakes, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. James Tearney, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Z. E. Hersh, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. F. I. Thomas, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volun-

teers, to be brevet major; Capt. George W. Robbins, Fourteenth New Jersey Volunteers, commanding sharpshooters First Brigade, to be brevet major; First Lieut. and Adjt. James M. Read, Tenth Vermont Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. James C. Birge, One hundred and sixth New York Volunteers, to be brevet captain.

Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps: Capt. W. L. Shaw, One hundred and tenth Ohio Volunteers, brigade inspector, to be brevet major; Col. M. R. McClennan, One hundred and thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, to be brevet brigadier-general; Lieut. Col. Charles M. Cornyn, One hundred and twenty-second Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Lieut. Col. James W. Snyder, Ninth New York Artillery, to be brevet colonel; Maj. Clifton K. Prentiss, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet colonel; Maj. John W. Ross, One hundred and twenty-second Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Maj William Wood, Ninth New York Artillery, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Maj. Anson S. Wood, Ninth New York Artillery, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. and Bvt. Maj. S. B. Lamoreaux, Ninth New York Artillery, to be brevet lieutenant-colonel; Capt. Charles J. Gibson, One hundred and twenty-second Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Harrison D. Yarmett, One hundred and twenty-second Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Corydon E. Patterson, One hundred and twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. James W. Moffat, One hundred and twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. John J. Bradshaw, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet major; Capt. Thomas Ocker, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet major; First Lieut. and Adjt. G. A. Brown, Ninth New York Artillery, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. Jason L. Smith, One hundred and twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. Albert A. Hubbard, One hundred and tenth Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. William H. Harry, One hundred and tenth Ohio Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. Joseph L. Mahan, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. Thomas Duff, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. Albert F. Rittenhouse, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet captain; First Lieut. G. M. Eichelberger, Sixth Maryland Volunteers, to be brevet captain.

T. SEYMOUR,
*Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
*Washington, April 15, 1865—7 p. m.*

Major-General SHERIDAN:

General Sherman is in motion after Johnston's army. It may be that instead of surrendering, Johnston may follow his usual tactics of falling back whenever too hard pressed. If so, Sherman has not got cavalry enough to head off and capture his army. I want you to get your cavalry in readiness to push south and make up this deficiency if it becomes necessary. Sherman expected to occupy Raleigh on the 13th, but does not say which way the enemy is moving. I hope to hear further from him almost any hour, and will inform you when I do.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*



HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
*Washington, April 15, 1865—7.30 p. m.*

Major-General SHERIDAN,
*Burkeville:*

The following is forwarded for your information:

RALEIGH, N. C., *April 13, 1865.*

General U. S. GRANT:

I entered Raleigh this morning. Johnston has retreated westward. I shall move to Asheville and Salisbury or Charlotte. I hope Sheridan is coming this way with his cavalry. If I can bring Johnston to a stand can soon fix him. The people here had not heard of the surrender of Lee, and hardly credit it. All well.

W. T. SHERMAN,
*Major-General.*

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Major-General SHERIDAN:

I am afraid it is indeed true. Army headquarters asked City Point in reference to the genuineness of the dispatch and City Point replies it is reliable and has been since confirmed. It is too horrible to contemplate with composure.

JNO. G. PARKE,
*Major-General.*

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CAVALRY HEADQUARTERS,
*Nottoway Court-House, April 15, 1865.*

The command will move at 6 a. m. to-morrow for City Point under command of Major-General Crook, unless halted at some intermediate point by orders from these headquarters.

By command of Major-General Sheridan:

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Brevet Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.*

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CAVALRY HEADQUARTERS,
*Nottoway Court-House, April 15, 1865.*

The order of this date directing this command to move to City Point is hereby rescinded, and the cavalry will remain in camp at this place until further orders.

By command of Major-General Sheridan:

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Brevet Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.*

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APPOMATTOX, *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General ORD,
*Commanding at Richmond:*

Yours of the 13th was received to-day. I have just returned from Lynchburg. Turner's division and the cavalry will return from there to morrow, and the whole force leave here for Farmville Tuesday.

JNO. GIBBON,
*Major-General.*

WASHINGTON, *April 15, 1865—2 a. m.*

Major-General ORD,
*Richmond, Va.:*

Attempts have been made to-night to assassinate the President and Secretary of State. Arrest all persons who may enter your lines by water or land. Particulars will be given hereafter.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

(Same to Major-General Hancock.)

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WASHINGTON CITY, *April 15, 1865—4 p. m.*

Major-General ORD,
*Richmond, Va.:*

Arrest J. A. Campbell, Mayor Mayo, and the members of the old council of Richmond, who have not yet taken the oath of allegiance, and put them in Libby Prison. Hold them guarded beyond the possibility of escape until further orders. Also arrest all paroled officers and surgeons until they can be sent beyond our lines, unless they take the oath of allegiance. The oath need not be received from any one who you have not good reason to believe will observe it, and from none who are excluded by the President's proclamation, without authority of the President to do so. Extreme rigor will have to be observed whilst assassination remains the order of the day with the rebels.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

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RICHMOND, VA., *April 15, 1865.*

General U. S. GRANT:

Cipher dispatch directing certain parties to be arrested is received. The two citizens I have seen. They are old, nearly helpless, and I think incapable of harm. Lee and staff are in town among the paroled prisoners. Should I arrest them under the circumstances I think the rebellion here would be reopened. I will risk my life that the present paroles will be kept, and if you will allow me to do so trust the people here who, I believe, are ignorant of the assassination. done, I think, by some insane Brutus with but few accomplices. Mr. Campbell and Hunter pressed me earnestly yesterday to send them to Washington to see the President. Would they have done so if guilty? Please answer.

E. O. C. ORD,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES,
*Washington, April 15, 1865—8 p. m.*

Major-General ORD,
*Richmond, Va.:*

On reflection I will withdraw my dispatch of this date directing the arrest of Campbell, Mayo, and others so far as it may be regarded as an order, and leave it in the light of a suggestion, to be executed only so far as you may judge the good of the service demands.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*



RICHMOND, VA., *April 15, 1865—9.30 p. m.*
(Received 10.20 p. m.)

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT:

Second telegram, leaving the subject of arrest in my hands, is received.

E. O. C. ORD,
*Major-General.*

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RICHMOND, *April 15, 1865—Noon.*

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

I do trust you will not deem it necessary to call an extra session of Congress. I believe it would lead only to evil. I am just from Appomattox Court-House, where I saw the entire rebel army lay down their arms. I talked with a large number of their general officers, and found a much better spirit than I had anticipated.

E. B. WASHBURNE.

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RICHMOND, *April 15, 1865.*

The PRESIDENT:

I heartily indorse Mr. Washburne's telegraph. The change in sentiment here, after contrasting the past tyranny with the present unexpected good order and freedom, makes me think your proclamation of emancipation will be supported by a majority in Virginia.

E. O. C. ORD,
*Major-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 40.

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA,
ARMY OF THE JAMES,
*Richmond, Va., April 15, 1865.*

I. Brig. Gen. M. R. Patrick, U. S. Volunteers, having reported to the commanding general of the department for assignment to duty, in obedience to orders from Lieutenant-General Grant, is hereby assigned to duty as provost-marshal-general of the Department of Virginia.

II. Lieut. Col. John Coughlin, Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty as provost-marshal-general of the Department of Virginia, and will report in person to the major-general commanding for instructions.

III. Brig. Gen. N. M. Curtis, U. S. Volunteers, having reported to the commanding general of the department for assignment to light duty, is announced as temporarily attached to the department staff, and will be respected accordingly.

By command of Major-General Ord:

ED. W. SMITH,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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BURKEVILLE, *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General WEITZEL:

It is raining again, and the road is almost impassable for my jaded horses. Please send 8,000 pounds of forage on the railroad cars, with directions to have it dropped at Wilson's Station. I shall reach there to-morrow morning. Telegraph me at Nottoway Court-House.

R. H. JACKSON,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

RICHMOND, *April 15, 1865.*

Bvt. Brig. Gen. H. L. ABBOT,
*Broadway:*

General Ord wishes me to inform you that Fort Darling and other works at Drewry's Bluff are not to be dismounted, at least for the present. He also mentioned the works on the north side of the river, but I suppose they are already dismounted.

W. R. KING,
*Brevet Captain, &c.*

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
*In the Field, Va., April 15, 1865.*

Brevet Major-General KAUTZ,
*Commanding First Division, Twenty-fifth Army Corps:*

GENERAL: The major-general commanding directs that you order all of the Fifth Massachusetts Cavalry now in your command to report without delay to Major-General Hartsuff, commanding U. S. forces at Petersburg, &c.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. D. WHEELER,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 15, 1865.*

Major-General HALLECK,
*Chief of Staff:*

I understand that most of the forces in the Valley will surrender, and have made arrangements to meet them Wednesday next at New Market for this purpose. The commanders surrender their detachments and battalions without regard to higher organizations. I do not know what effect the intelligence of the murder of the President will have on their determination.

WINF'D S. HANCOCK,
*Major-General.*

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WINCHESTER, VA., *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 12.30 p. m.)

Major-General HALLECK,
*Chief of Staff:*

I would respectfully inquire whether your dispatch* directing the arrest of all persons coming into the lines is intended to make any changes concerning the disposition of prisoners coming in to give their paroles. They have just commenced coming in, and I expect a regiment of Imboden's command in this morning. I am particular in asking, as the disposition made of those who come in first will affect the conduct of those now hesitating about giving themselves up.

WINF'D S. HANCOCK,
*Major-General.*

*See 2 a. m., p. 762.



WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—1.35 p. m.*

Major-General HANCOCK,
*Winchester, Va.:*

General Grant directs that a regiment of infantry and one company of cavalry be immediately sent to Havre de Grace bridge. Select those that can be sent there the soonest possible.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—2.50 p. m.*

Major-General HANCOCK,
*Winchester:*

The object of my telegram last night was to have all persons stopped who might leave Washington by cars or canal boats or otherwise. Of course, women and children and well-known loyal men would be immediately permitted to pursue their journey. Moreover, it was not intended to include persons coming toward Washington from the West, nor from such a direction as to leave no doubt that they were not in Washington last night. You will do everything in your power to detect the murderers and assassins.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—3.40 p. m.*

Major-General HANCOCK,
*Winchester:*

Please send a small infantry regiment to Fort Delaware to assist in guarding prisoners of war. It should be an old regiment. If they have tents they will take them with them; if not, make requisition on Quartermaster-General to send them to Fort Delaware to meet the regiment. Send it as soon as possible.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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WINCHESTER, VA., *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 4 p. m.)

Major-General HALLECK,
*Chief of Staff:*

The troops will leave for Havre de Grace about 4 p. m. One regiment of Nineteenth Corps from Summit Point and one squadron from Stephenson's Depot.

W. S. HANCOCK,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

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APRIL 15, 1865.

Maj. Gen. W. S. HANCOCK,
*Commanding, &c.:*

GENERAL: I am in receipt of a letter from your chief of staff, Brigadier-General Morgan, inclosing copies of correspondence between Generals Grant and Lee, and informing me that you would appoint an

officer of equal rank with myself to arrange details for the surrender of the forces under my command. As yet I have no notice through any other source of the facts concerning the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, nor, in my opinion, has the emergency yet arisen which would justify the surrender of my command. With no disposition, however, to cause the useless effusion of blood or to inflict on a war-worn population any unnecessary distress, I am ready to agree to a suspension of hostilities for a short time in order to enable me to communicate with my own authorities or until I can obtain sufficient intelligence to determine my future action. Should you accede to this proposition, I am ready to meet any person you may designate to arrange the terms of an armistice.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. S. MOSBY,
*Colonel, C. S. Army.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General AUGUR,
*Commanding, Washington:*

GENERAL: Should either of the murderers or assassins of last night be caught put them in double irons and convey them, under a strong escort, to the commander of the navy-yard, who has orders to receive them and to confine them on a monitor to be anchored in the stream.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General AUGUR:

All Government vessels with freight, but no passengers, will be permitted to leave Washington and Alexandria.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

(Same to Brigadier-General Rucker.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
*Washington, April 15, 1865.*

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

SIR: The Secretary of War directs that a guard, to consist of a commissioned officer and twenty enlisted men (rank and file), be detailed for duty at General Halleck's headquarters, corner Seventeenth and F streets. The officer with his guard will be ordered to report to Brig. Gen. F. T. Dent, U. S. Volunteers, at 6 o'clock this evening.

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

S. F. CHALFIN,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
*April 15, 1865—1 a. m.*

Major-General HANCOCK,
*Commanding Middle Military Division, Winchester:*

The President, Mr. Lincoln, was assassinated at Ford's Theater last evening and is now dying. The Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, was also stabbed in his bed, and is not expected to recover. I shall not be able to send my cavalry as you ordered, as I wish to use them in scouring the country for the assassins.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 15, 1865.*

General C. C. AUGUR,
*Commanding Department of Washington:*

General Stevenson reports that his scouts from Loudoun report that Mosby is at Leesburg to-day with quite a force, and that a great many stragglers are joining him. Only a few of his men have given themselves up.

Respectfully,

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

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PISCATAWAY, *April 15, 1865.*

Capt. R. CHANDLER,
*Assistant Adjutant-General:*

SIR: I have the honor to report that I arrived in this place at 7 a. m., and at once sent a man to Chapel Hill to notify the cavalry at that point of the murder of the President, with description of the parties who committed the deed. With the arrangements which have been made it is impossible for them to get across the river in this direction.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

DAVID D. DANA,
*First Lieutenant and Provost-Marshal, Third Brigade.*

[First indorsement.*]

I have reliable information that the person who murdered Secretary Seward is Boyce or Boyd, the man who killed Captain Watkins in Maryland. I think it without doubt true.

D. D. DANA.

[Second indorsement.]

Lieutenant-Colonel KING:

Captain McGowan knows all about this Boyce or Boyd, and can tell you more than I can in regard to him. Lieutenant Dana is still on the search with cavalry, and is instructed to keep on until he finds somebody.

R. C[HANDLER].

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* On envelope.

MUDDY BRANCH, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 1.15 a. m.)

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

I have sent three squadrons on as many different roads. The country will be thoroughly scoured before morning. Will report result.

Respectfully,

J. L. THOMPSON,
*Colonel, Commanding.*

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HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY, UPPER POTOMAC,
*Darnestown, April 15, 1865.*

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

SIR: I have the honor to report that your dispatch was received last evening at 11.30, directing search to be made for assassins. At 12 o'clock three squadrons were on the different roads. One squadron was directed to search the country between the telegraph road and the river as far down as Tennallytown. Another moved on the telegraph road, with instructions to scour well to the left, and the third took the road to Barnesville and will make a wide circuit toward Frederick. Extreme vigilance has been enjoined on the whole line of the river.

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

J. L. THOMPSON,
*Colonel, Commanding Post.*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 15, 1865.*

Commodore J. B. MONTGOMERY, *Navy-Yard, Washington:*

If the military authorities arrest the murderer of the President and take him to the yard, put him on a monitor and anchor her in the stream, with strong guard on vessel, wharf, and in yard. Call upon commandant of Marine Corps for guard. Have vessel immediately prepared ready to receive him at any hour, day or night, with necessary instructions. He will be heavily ironed and so guarded as to prevent escape or injury to himself.

GIDEON WELLES,
*Secretary of the Navy.*

Colonel ZEILIN, *Commandant Marine Corps:*

Have extra strong and careful guard ready for special service, if called for by Commodore Montgomery.

G. WELLES,
*Secretary of the Navy.*

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SAINT INIGOES, *April 15, 1865.*

Commander F. A. PARKER, *U. S. Steamer Don, Yorktown:*

President Lincoln was assassinated last night. The assassinators are expected to escape down the Potomac. Please return. I am on board the guard vessel.

S. NICKERSON,
*Acting Volunteer Master.*



WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—2.15 a. m.*

Brevet Major-General BARNES,
*Point Lookout, Md.:*

Stop all vessels going down the river and hold all persons on them till further orders. An attempt has been made to-night to assassinate the President and Secretary of State. Hold all persons leaving Washington.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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POINT LOOKOUT, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 11.20 a. m.)

Major-General HALLECK:

Your dispatch was received and communicated at once to the gunboats, and the river and bay are closely watched. The District of Saint Mary's is being thoroughly patrolled by mounted men.

JAS. BARNES,
*Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

Brigadier-General BARNES,
*Commanding at Point Lookout:*

The President of the United States has been assassinated. Arrest every person found moving within your district who cannot account for himself.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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POINT LOOKOUT, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 8.15 a. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

The following dispatch is just received from the scouting party in the district:

I sent Lieutenant Davis with scouting party to-day and ascertained that a party of well-armed rebel soldiers were seen on Wednesday evening, 12th instant, between Newport and Crookshanks' Store, eighteen miles from Leonardtown, twenty-seven privates and three officers. The only definite information is that they started in the direction of the Patuxent River. The supposition is that they have a design to capture a Chesapeake Bay steamer. There is no doubt but that there are armed bands in the district. I will be on the alert and do all I can with the forces at my disposal. Captain Buckley left with an escort in the direction of the Government farms.

S. G. WILLAUER,
*Captain, Commanding.*

J. BARNES,
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

POINT LOOKOUT, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 11.40 a. m.)

Col. J. H. TAYLOR:

Your dispatch is received. The district is being thoroughly patrolled as ordered. We have about 22,000 prisoners, and under present circumstances I should have more troops here.

J. BARNES,
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 15, 1865—12.35 a. m.*

Brig. Gen. J. P. SLOUGH, *Alexandria:*

Use your cavalry to the best advantage you can to carry out your orders.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865—4 a. m.*

General SLOUGH, *Military Governor:*

The murderer of the President is undoubtedly J. Wilkes Booth, the actor. The other party is a smooth-faced man, quite stout. You had better have a squad of cavalry sent down toward the Occoquan to intercept anything crossing the river. The fishermen along the river should be notified and kept on the lookout.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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ALEXANDRIA, *April 15, 1865—5 a. m.*
(Received 5.20 a. m.)

Major-General AUGUR:

GENERAL: All of the orders received during the night from you have been obeyed, except the sending of cavalry toward the Occoquan, which will be done as soon as a sufficient number can be assembled. The river and shore from Alexandria to Washington are abundantly patrolled, and all are active and vigilant. A tug-boat will start soon to notify the fisheries.

Respectfully,

JNO. P. SLOUGH,
*Brigadier-General of Volunteers.*

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ALEXANDRIA, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 10 a. m.)

Maj. Gen. C. C. AUGUR, *Commanding, &c.:*

GENERAL: Is your order of 12.05 a. m. to me, to see that no one leaves the city until further orders, to be construed strictly? Is it intended to prevent persons from going to Washington by the ferry-boat, or well known persons elsewhere?

Respectfully,

JNO. P. SLOUGH,
*Brigadier-General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Brig. Gen. JOHN P. SLOUGH,
*Military Governor of Alexandria:*

GENERAL: The restrictions upon persons passing the limits of Alexandria does not include those belonging to the service, either as officers, enlisted men, or employés of the different departments.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Brig. Gen. J. P. SLOUGH,
*Military Governor of Alexandria:*

The major-general commanding directs that the restrictions upon travel by rail between this city and Alexandria and between Alexandria and Fairfax Station be removed. You will, of course, satisfy yourself that no suspicious persons are allowed to pass.

Respectfully,

A. E. KING,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

Brigadier-General SLOUGH,
*Alexandria:*

It is possible the parties have crossed the river. Patrol the river. Intercept all boats and vessels. Allow no one to pass down the river unless well known. Notify captain of the guard-ship at Alexandria.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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ALEXANDRIA, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 8.10 p. m.)

Colonel TAYLOR,
*Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COLONEL: I have cavalry along the river toward Occoquan, and have notified the fishermen and home guards to arrest any one not known to them found in their neighborhood. The pickets report all quiet to-day.

H. H. WELLS,
*Colonel and Provost-Marshal-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
*April 15, 1865—1 a. m.*

General GAMBLE,
*Commanding at Fairfax Court-House:*

The President, Mr. Lincoln, was shot at Ford's Theater last night, and is now dying. Mr. Seward was stabbed in bed and is not expected to recover. The expedition for to-morrow will have to be abandoned, as I wish you at daylight to take your cavalry and scatter it along the river toward Leesburg to arrest and send in all suspicious persons; also along your whole line between it and Washington.

C. C. AUGUR,
*Major-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Fairfax Court-House:*

The movement is suspended by order of Major-General Hancock.

By command of Major-General Augur:

A. R. SEWALL,
*Lieutenant and Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, *April 15, 1865—7 p. m.*
(Received 7.50 p. m.)

Lieut. Col. J. H. TAYLOR:

COLONEL: Reports from the several posts on the line state all quiet. I sent out a scout of 100 men under Captain Corbit, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, last night to Warrenton, which has just returned all safe, capturing General Payne, Lieutenant Digges, aide-de-camp, and three rebel cavalrymen. These prisoners will be forwarded under guard to your headquarters by railway to-morrow. I have to report that General Slough has stopped all trains to Fairfax Station to-day, consequently no mail matter or dispatches have been received since yesterday. If this is continued it will be necessary for me to communicate with your headquarters daily by a cavalry escort. Please inform me. Eight hundred cavalrymen started early this morning, under Colonels Sweitzer and Clendenin, to execute the last order received by telegram at 3.30 a. m., to arrest suspicious persons.

W. GAMBLE,
*Colonel, Commanding Brigade.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

General GAMBLE,
*Fairfax Court-House:*

You have been ordered to patrol all the country between your headquarters and Washington. All persons arrested must be held subject to orders from these headquarters.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Major WAITE,
*Fairfax Station:*

An attempt has been made to assassinate the President and Secretary of State. Order General Gamble to allow no one to pass his lines. To arrest every one who attempts. To cover the country with patrols between Fairfax and the river. No one arrested to be released until further orders.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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HEADQUARTERS DE RUSSY'S DIVISION,
*April 15, 1865—5 a. m.*

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

COLONEL: The communication of the 14th instant, received at 12.30 a. m. this day, requiring that "the garrisons should be put under arms, and that no one should be permitted to pass into Virginia," has been carried out, and those instructions will remain in force until otherwise ordered from department headquarters.

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

G. A. DE RUSSY,
*Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Commanding.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 15, 1865—12.20 a. m.*

AGENT MILITARY RAILROAD, ALEXANDRIA:

It is reported that the assassin of the President has gone out hence to Alexandria, thence on train to Fairfax. Stop all trains in that direction. Apply to military commander at Alexandria for guard to arrest all persons on train or on the road not known.

By order of the Secretary of War:

JAS. A. HARDIE,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

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BALTIMORE, *April 15, 1865.*

B. B. HOUGH,
*Saint Inigoes:*

The President murdered; Mr. Seward and son nearly so. One of the murderers, J. Wilkes Booth, actor, played at Holliday Street a year ago. Twenty-five years old, five feet eight inches high, dark hair and mustache. He took the direction from Washington toward Saint Mary's and Calvert Counties. Use all efforts to secure him.

J. L. McPHAIL,
*Provost-Marshal-General.*

WINCHESTER, *April 15, 1865.*

General DWIGHT,
*Stephenson's:*

The order for the movement of troops to-night is suspended.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 15, 1865.*

Brevet Major-General TORBERT,
*Commanding Cavalry:*

The major-general commanding directs that you send a detachment of cavalry to Strasburg, so as to arrive there at an early hour on Monday morning, for the purpose of receiving the surrender of a part of the Twenty-third Virginia Cavalry, and such other men as may avail themselves of a parole.

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C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 15, 1865.*

Maj. T. W. LUSK,
*Charlestown, Va.:*

Mosby's men can surrender on the same terms as Lee's men and go to their homes. It is only necessary that they deliver up their arms and horses and take a parole not to take up arms again unless regularly exchanged.

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C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

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HARPER'S FERRY, *April 15, 1865.*

General MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff:*

Mosby was at Leesburg yesterday. Is still there to-day. Has his own command and part of White's battalion with him. Is trying to induce all stragglers to join his command. There are large numbers of his command at Leesburg and adjoining county, and coming in every day—some of them paroled, many of them not. A scout sent into Loudoun yesterday returned to-day with three prisoners, one of them of Mobberly's gang. I think I shall secure this evening the three remaining members of the Mobberly band.

J. D. STEVENSON,
*Brigadier-General.*



WINCHESTER, *April 15, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

The general directs that all persons coming into your lines be arrested in accordance with instructions just received from Washington. The President and Secretary of State were both mortally wounded by assassins last night, and it is supposed that the object of the order is if possible to secure the arrest of the assassins, who are attempting to make their escape. The order will not, therefore, be applied to the well-known individuals coming into the lines with marketing and passes, unless so ordered hereafter.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Brevet Brigadier-General.*

(Same to Generals Emory, Dwight, and Egan.)

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WINCHESTER, *April 15, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

Have any trains reached Harper's Ferry this morning? The general desires you to arrest all citizens or strangers making their way through your lines at any point. It is possible that the assassins may endeavor to escape south through your lines at some point.

C. H. MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff.*

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HARPER'S FERRY, *April 15, 1865.*

General MORGAN,
*Chief of Staff:*

I had given the instructions throughout the district before receiving your telegram. No trains have passed either way as yet.

JOHN D. STEVENSON,
*Brigadier-General.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 15, 1865—3 a. m.* (Sent 3.55 a. m.)

Brigadier-General MORRIS,
*Commanding District of Baltimore:*

Make immediate arrangements for guarding thoroughly every avenue leading into Baltimore, and if possible arrest J. Wilkes Booth, the murderer of President Lincoln. You will acknowledge the receipt of this telegram, giving time, &c.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

BATES, STEWART, OR MAYNARD:

Rush this through and order the immediate delivery.

THOS. T. ECKERT.

BALTIMORE, MD., *April 15, 1865—4.15 a. m.*
(Received 4.30 a. m.)

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

Your dispatch received. The most vigorous measures will be taken. Every avenue is guarded. No trains or boats will be permitted to leave this department for the present.

W. W. MORRIS,
*Brigadier-General.*

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BALTIMORE, MD., *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 12.15 p. m.)

Hon. E. M. STANTON:

In order to execute fully your orders last night it was necessary to forbid the departure of any railroad trains. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has three trains at Relay House waiting to come on. Shall I allow each road to send out their trains?

W. W. MORRIS,
*Brigadier-General, &c.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865—3.20 p. m.*

Brigadier General W. W. MORRIS,
*Commanding District of Baltimore, Baltimore:*

It was not intended by my order of this morning that trains on any of the railroads leading into Baltimore should be stopped; therefore you will direct at once that all trains may be run on their usual time as heretofore, but keep a strict watch over the passengers by each train arriving from Washington. Also watch the travel on highways and avenues leading from this city.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

(Copy to Brigadier-General Tyler, Relay House.)

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—2 a. m.*

Brigadier-General MORRIS,
*Baltimore:*

Attempts have been made to-night to assassinate the President and Secretary of State. Arrest all persons who leave Washington to-night on any road or by water, and hold them till further orders. In the meantime report as to each person arrested.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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BALTIMORE, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 2.25 a. m.)

General HALLECK,
*Chief of Staff:*

Your dispatch received. Prompt measures will be taken. All the roads are now guarded.

W. W. MORRIS,
*Brigadier-General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

Brigadier-General MORRIS,
*Commanding at Baltimore:*

The assassin of the President is J. Wilkes Booth, the actor. Please consult with the city police.

Respectfully,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 15, 1865.*

Brigadier-General MORRIS,
*Baltimore, Md.:*

GENERAL: I telegraphed that J. Wilkes Booth, the actor, is the assassin of the President. The evidence renders it almost conclusive that he is the guilty party. He should be arrested if possible.

Respectfully,

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865.*

Brigadier-General MORRIS,
*Commanding Middle Department, Baltimore:*

The major-general commanding this department is authorized to offer a reward of $10,000 for the apprehension of the assassin of the President of the United States and the Secretary of State. Please communicate this to the police and detectives of your department.

Respectfully,

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

(Same to Major-General Peck, commanding Department of the East, New York, and Major-General Cadwalader, Philadelphia, Pa.)

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WINCHESTER, *April 15, 1865.*

General W. W. MORRIS,
*Baltimore:*

Two regiments left here about 6 this evening—one for Fort Delaware, the other for Havre de Grace.

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

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 82.

HDQRS. MIDDLE DEPARTMENT,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
*Baltimore, Md., April 15, 1865.*

I. It is hereby ordered that all bar-rooms and other places where spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors are sold in this department be closed and remain so until further orders from these headquarters.

II. All persons not in the military or naval service in this department, or members of the police force, are hereby forbidden to carry fire-arms or other deadly weapons. All persons violating this order will be immediately arrested.

By command of Bvt. Brig. Gen. W. W. Morris, U. S. Army:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 83.

HDQRS. MIDDLE DEPARTMENT,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
*Baltimore, Md., April 15, 1865.*

Paroled prisoners of war (rebels) arriving in this department are hereby ordered to report at once to the nearest provost-marshal in order that their names may be registered, their papers examined, and such passes furnished them as may be necessary for their protection. Such prisoners of war will not be permitted to wear the uniform of the army and navy of the so-called Confederate States, but must abandon said uniform within twelve hours after reporting to the provost-marshal, and adopt civilian dress. This order will apply to such of the prisoners of war paroled by the surrender of General R. E. Lee as may report in this department.

Prisoners of war (rebels) paroled to return to their homes to await exchange will not be permitted to remain in this department unless their former residence is within its limits.

Any violation of this order will be promptly noticed by arrest and imprisonment, whatever the conditions of the parole may be.

By command of Bvt. Brig. Gen. W. W. Morris, U. S. Army:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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BALTIMORE, MD., *April 15, 1865—4.20 a. m.*

Brig. Gen. J. R. KENLY,
*Commanding Officer, Wilmington, Del.:*

In consequence of the assassination of the President and Secretary of State the most vigorous measures will be taken in this department to suppress any outbreak. J. Wilkes Booth, tragedian, is the murderer of Mr. Lincoln. No trains will be permitted to leave this city. Do your utmost to preserve order and keep a sharp lookout for Booth. Report your action.

By order:

SAML. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*



ANNAPOLIS, *April 15, 1865.*

Lieut. Col. S. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, Baltimore:*

Telegram received promptly. I have made such disposition as to carry into effect the orders contained therein. Please let me know when I shall permit trains to run over the road, and under what restrictions, if any. It is all quiet here.

F. D. SEWALL,
*Colonel, &c.*

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ANNAPOLIS, *April 15, 1865.*

Lieut. Col. S. B. LAWRENCE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, Baltimore:*

COLONEL: I have no mounted men serving with me. I think it would be well to send a squad of cavalry immediately to this district.

F. D. SEWALL,
*Colonel, &c.*

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD SEPARATE BRIGADE,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
*Baltimore, Md., April 15, 1865.*

COMDG. OFFICERS AT BUSH, BACK, AND GUNPOWDER RIVERS:

On the arrival of troops ordered to relieve your squad you will report with your command to these headquarters. The quartermaster's department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of Brigadier-General Lockwood:

WM. M. BOONE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865—2 a. m.*

Major-General CADWALADER,
*Philadelphia:*

Attempts have been made to-night to assassinate the President and Secretary of State. Arrest all persons who leave Washington to-night and hold them till further orders.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., *April 15, 1865.*

Maj. Gen. H. W. HALLECK:

Telegram directing the arrest of all persons who left Washington last night received, and will be complied with.

GEO. CADWALADER,
*Major-General.*

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 12.30 p. m.)

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

Your telegram authorizing a reward of $10,000 for the apprehension of the assassins of the President and the Secretary of State has been received and promulgated. Please send description of the murderers.

JOHN S. SCHULTZE,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*April 15, 1865—1.30 a. m.* (Sent 2.15 a. m.)

Major-General DIX,
*New York:*

Last evening, about 10.30 p. m., at Ford's Theater, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Harris, and Major Rathbone, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President. The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theater. The pistol-ball entered the back of the President's head, and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal. The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying. About the same hour an assassin (whether the same or another) entered Mr. Seward's home, and, under pretense of having a prescription, was shown to the Secretary's sick chamber. The Secretary was in bed, a nurse and Miss Seward with him. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed, inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face. It is hoped the wounds may not be mortal; my apprehension is that they will prove fatal. The noise alarmed Mr. Frederick Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and hastened to the door of his father's room, where he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick Seward is doubtful. It is not probable that the President will live through the night. General Grant and wife were advertised to be at the theater this evening, but he started to Burlington at 6 o'clock this evening. At a Cabinet meeting yesterday, at which General Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country and the prospects of speedy peace was discussed. The President was very cheerful and hopeful; spoke very kindly of General Lee and others of the Confederacy, and the establishment of government in Virginia. All the members of the Cabinet except Mr. Seward are now in attendance upon the President. I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick were both unconscious.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WASHINGTON CITY,
*No. 458 Tenth Street, April 15, 1865—3 a. m.*
(Sent 3.20 a. m.)

Major-General DIX:
(Care Horner, New York.)

The President still breathes, but is quite insensible, as he has been ever since he was shot. He evidently did not see the person who shot him, but was looking on the stage as he was approached behind.



Mr. Seward has rallied, and it is hoped he may live. Frederick Seward's condition is very critical. The attendant who was present was stabbed through the lungs, and is not expected to live. The wounds of Major Seward are not serious. Investigation strongly indicates J. Wilkes Booth as the assassin of the President. Whether it was the same or a different person that attempted to murder Mr. Seward remains in doubt. Chief Justice Cartter is engaged in taking the evidence. Every exertion has been made to prevent the escape of the murderer. His horse has been found on the road, near Washington.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WASHINGTON CITY,
*No. 458 Tenth Street, April 15, 1865—4.10 a. m.*
(Sent 4.44 a. m.)

Major-General DIX:

The President continues insensible and is sinking. Secretary Seward remains without change. Frederick Seward's skull is fractured in two places, besides a severe cut upon the head. The attendant is still alive, but hopeless. Major Seward's wounds are not dangerous. It is now ascertained with reasonable certainty that two assassins were engaged in the horrible crime, Wilkes Booth being the one that shot the President, the other a companion of his whose name is not known, but whose description is so clear that he can hardly escape. It appears from a letter found in Booth's trunk that the murder was planned before the 4th of March, but fell through then because the accomplice backed out until "Richmond could be heard from." Booth and his accomplice were at the livery stable at 6 this evening, and left there with their horses about 10 o'clock, or shortly before that hour. It would seem that they had for several days been seeking their chance, but for some unknown reason it was not carried into effect until last night. One of them has evidently made his way to Baltimore, the other has not yet been traced.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WASHINGTON CITY, *April 15, 1865.*

Major-General DIX,
*New York:*

Abraham Lincoln died this morning at 22 minutes after 7 o'clock.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*April 15, 1865—3 p. m.*

Major General DIX:

Official notice of the death of the late President Abraham Lincoln was given by the heads of Department this morning to Andrew Johnson, Vice-President, upon whom the Constitution devolved the office of President. Mr. Johnson upon receiving this notice appeared before the Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the United States, and took the oath of office as President of the United States, and assumed its duties

and functions. At 12 o'clock the President met the heads of Department in Cabinet meeting at the Treasury building, and among other business the following was transacted:

1. The arrangements for the funeral of the late President was referred to the several Secretaries, so far as relates to their respective Departments.

2. William Hunter, esq., was appointed Acting Secretary of State during the disability of Mr. Seward, and his son, Frederick Seward, the Assistant Secretary.

3. The President formally announced that he desired to retain the present Secretaries of Departments as his Cabinet, and that they would go on and discharge their respective duties in the same manner as before the deplorable event that had changed the head of the Government.

All business in the Departments was suspended during this day. The surgeons report that the condition of Mr. Seward remains unchanged. He is doing well. No improvement in Mr. Frederick Seward. The murderers have not yet been apprehended.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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NEW YORK, *April 15, 1865.*

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

Your dispatch announcing the death of President Lincoln has been received. His death at this crisis is the greatest national calamity that could befall us. He will be mourned as the second Father of his Country.

JOHN J. PECK,
*Major-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 29. HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, *New York City, April 15, 1865.*

The major-general in command, with the deepest sorrow, announces to the department that Abraham Lincoln, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armies and Navy of the United States, died this morning at 7.20. Commanding officers of the different posts and camps in this department will on the day following the receipt of this order cause a gun to be fired at every half hour, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset. The flags will be kept at half staff from sunrise to sunset each day until after the termination of the funeral obsequies at the capital, or until further instructions.

By command of Major-General Peck:

D. T. VAN BUREN,
*Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 15, 1865.* (Sent 8.40 p. m.)

Hon. E. G. SPAULDING, *Buffalo:*

The assassin of the President is J. Wilkes Booth, well known to all theatrical people. He is about five feet six inches tall; of a slight graceful figure; black hair, and eyes rather close together, and pale complexion; about twenty-six years old.



The assailant of Mr. Seward has been known here by the name of G. A. Atzerodt. He is twenty-six or twenty-eight years old, five feet eight inches tall; light complexion, brown from exposure; brown hair; long and rather curly mustache and goatee, dark from being dyed; rather round-shouldered, and stooping; wore dark pants, vest, and coat, with a long gray overcoat, and a low slouched hat, much worn. Atzerodt has been here in company with a man who gave his name as S. Thomas, about thirty years old; poorly clad in a dark suit; wore a heavy beard and mustache—a rough, weather-beaten looking man. Atzerodt is believed to have left this city this morning at 6.30 in the Baltimore train.

C. A. DANA.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1865.* (Sent 9 p. m.)

CHIEF OF POLICE,
*Baltimore:*

The following is a description of G. A. Atzerodt, the assassin of Mr. Seward. He is twenty-six or twenty-eight years old, five feet eight inches high; light complexion, but browned from exposure; brown hair; long and rather curly mustache and goatee, dark from being dyed; wore dark pants, vest, and coat, and long gray overcoat; was rather round-shouldered and stooping position; was in company with a man giving his name as S. Thomas, about thirty years of age; poorly clad in dark suit, low slouch hat; wore a mustache and heavy beard; was a rough and weather-beaten looking man.

C. A. DANA,
*Assistant Secretary of War.*

(Same to chiefs of police Philadelphia, New York, &c.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*April 15, 1865—1 a. m.*

JOHN H. KENNEDY,
*Chief of Police, New York:*

Send here immediately three or four of your best detectives to investigate the facts as to the assassination of the President and Secretary Seward. They are still alive, but the President's case is hopeless, and that of Mr. Seward nearly the same.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 15, 1865—3.20 p. m.*

Col. L. C. BAKER,
*New York:*

Come here immediately and see if you can find the murderers of the President.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

NEW YORK, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 1.40 p. m.)

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

If Lieutenant-Colonel Morgan or I or any of my employés can serve you and the country in any way, no matter what, or anywhere, we are ready.

H. S. OLCOTT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, D. C., April 15, 1865—3.25 p. m.*

H. S. OLCOTT,
*New York:*

I desire your services. Come to Washington at once, and bring your force of detectives with you. Answer.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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NEW YORK, *April 15, 1865.*
(Received 7.50 p. m.)

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

I leave at midnight with such of my men as live in town. The rest will follow forthwith.

H. S. OLCOTT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 15, 1865—11.40 a. m.*

Hon. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS,
*Minister of the United States to Her Britannic Majesty:*

SIR: It has become my distressing duty to announce to you that last night His Excellency Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, was assassinated about the hour of 10.30 o'clock in his private box at Ford's Theater in this city. The President about 8 o'clock accompanied Mrs. Lincoln to the theater. Another lady and gentleman were with them in the box. About 10.30, during a pause in the performance, the assassin entered the box, the door of which was unguarded, hastily approached the President from behind, and discharged a pistol at his head. The bullet entered the back of his head and penetrated nearly through. The assassin then leaped from the box upon the stage, brandishing a large knife or dagger and exclaiming "*Sic semper tyrannis*," and escaped in the rear of the theater. Immediately upon the discharge the President fell to the floor insensible, and continued in that state until 7.20 o'clock this morning, when he breathed his last.

About the same time this murder was being committed at the theater another assassin presented himself at the door of Mr. Seward's residence, gained admission by pretending he had a prescription from Mr. Seward's physician, which he was directed to see administered, hurried up to the third-story chamber, where Mr. Seward was lying. He here encountered Mr. Frederick Seward, struck him over the head, inflicting several wounds, and fracturing the skull in two places, inflicting, it is feared, mortal wounds. He then rushed into the room where Mr. Seward was in bed, attended by a young daughter and a male nurse. The male attendant was stabbed through the lungs, and it is believed will die. The assassin then struck Mr. Seward with a knife or dagger twice in the throat and twice in the face, inflicting terrible wounds. By this time Major Seward, the eldest son of the Secretary, and another attendant reached the room, and rushed to the rescue of the Secretary. They were also wounded in the conflict, and the assassin escaped. No artery or important blood vessel was severed by any of the wounds inflicted upon him, but he was for a long time insensible from the loss of blood. Some hopes of his possible recovery are entertained.



Immediately upon the death of the President notice was given to Vice-President Johnson, who happened to be in the city, and upon whom the office of President now devolves. He will take the office and assume the functions of President to-day. The murderer of the President has been discovered, and evidence obtained that these horrible crimes were committed in execution of a conspiracy deliberately planned and set on foot by rebels, under pretense of avenging the South and aiding the rebel cause. It is hoped that the immediate perpetrators will be caught. The feeling occasioned by these atrocious crimes is so great, sudden, and overwhelming that I cannot at present do more than communicate them to you at the earliest moment.

Yesterday the President called a Cabinet meeting, at which General Grant was present. He was more cheerful and happy than I had ever seen, rejoiced at the near prospect of firm and durable peace at home and abroad, manifested in marked degree the kindness and humanity of his disposition, and the tender and forgiving spirit that so eminently distinguished him. Public notice had been given that he and General Grant would be present at the theater, and the opportunity of adding the lieutenant-general to the number of victims to be murdered was no doubt seized for the fitting occasion of executing the plans that appear to have been in preparation for some weeks. But General Grant was compelled to be absent, and thus escaped the designs upon him.

It is needless for me to say anything in regard to the influence which this atrocious murder of the President may exercise upon the affairs of this country, but I will only add that horrible as are the atrocities that have been resorted to by the enemies of this country, they are not likely in any degree to impair the public spirit or postpone the complete and final overthrow of the rebellion.

In profound grief for the events which it has become my duty to communicate to you, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWIN M. STANTON.

P. S.—You will please communicate these deplorable events to all the ministers and diplomatic agents of the United States with whom you are in communication.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 15, 1865.*

Mr. ADAMS,
*London:*

The sad duty devolves upon me to announce the assassination of the President at Ford's Theater last night by a pistol-shot from a person

who entered his box for the purpose. The assassin escaped, but it is supposed has since been arrested The President died at 7.30 o'clock this morning. Vice-President Johnson has assumed the functions of President, having been sworn in by the Chief Justice. About the same time an attempt was made by, it is believed, a different person, to assassinate Mr. Seward, but the murderer only succeeded in inflicting painful and severe wounds, principally upon his face. Mr. F. W. Seward was beaten over the head with a heavy weapon in the hands of the person who attacked his father, and is now grievously hurt. His brother was also wounded by the dagger of the assassin, as was Mr. Hansell, a messenger of the Department, who was with the Secretary, and the male nurse in attendance.

WILLIAM HUNTER,
*Acting Secretary.*

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., *April 15, 1865.*

Hon. E. M. STANTON:

Loyal Virginia sends her tribute of mourning for the fall of the Nation's President by the hands of a dastardly agent of treason, who dared to repeat the motto of our State at the moment of the perpetration of his accursed crime.

F. H. PEIRPOINT,
*Governor.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT, U. S. Army,
*Commanding Armies of the United States, Washington, D. C.:*

GENERAL: You will please announce by general order to the Armies of the United States that on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1865, by reason of the death of Abraham Lincoln, the office of the President of the United States devolved upon Andrew Johnson, Vice-President, who on the same day took the official oath prescribed for the President, and entered upon the duties of that office.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865.*

Major-General MEADE:

The President died at 7.22 yesterday morning. J. Wilkes Booth was the assassin of the President. Secretary Seward passed a bad night, but is much better this morning and probably out of danger. His son Frederick will not live, although he still lingers with wonderful tenacity.

THOS. T. ECKERT.

(Same to General Sheridan.)



WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865.*
(Received 11.40 a. m.)

Major-General MEADE:

General Ord has been directed to respect your passes for persons to visit Richmond.

J. A. RAWLINS,
*Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.*

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[APRIL 16, 1865.—For Meade to Townsend, transmitting flags captured from the enemy by the Second Army Corps, and recommending medals of honor to captors, see Part I, p. 606.]

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FORT WARREN, *April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT,
*Commanding U. S. Army:*

GENERAL: You will appreciate, I am sure, the sentiment which prompts me to drop you these lines. Of all the misfortunes which could befall the Southern people, or any Southern man, by far the greatest, in my judgment, would be the prevalence of the idea that they could entertain any other than feelings of unqualified abhorrence and indignation for the assassination of the President of the United States, and the attempt to assassinate the Secretary of State. No language can adequately express the shock produced upon myself, in common with all the other general officers confined here with me, by the occurrence of this appalling crime, and by the seeming tendency in the public mind to connect the South and Southern men with it. Need we say that we are not assassins, nor the allies of assassins, be they from the North or from the South, and that coming as we do from most of the States of the South we would be ashamed of our own people, were we not assured that they will reprobate this crime. Under the circumstances I could not refrain from some expression of my feelings. I thus utter them to a soldier who will comprehend them. The following officers, Maj. Gens. Ed. Johnson, of Virginia, and Kershaw, of South Carolina; Brigadier-Generals Barton, Corse, Hunton, and Jones, of Virginia; Du Bose, Simms, and H. R. Jackson, of Georgia; Frazer, of Alabama; Smith and Gordon, of Tennessee; Cabell, of Arkansas, and Marmaduke, of Missouri, and Commodore Tucker, of Virginia, all heartily concur with me in what I have said.

Respectfully, general,

R. S. EWELL,
*Lieutenant-General, C. S. Army.*

[Indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FORT WARREN,
*Boston Harbor, April 16, 1865.*

Respectfully referred to Brig. Gen. William Hoffman, commissary-general of prisoners.

The general officers confined at this post as prisoners of war have, from the moment of the reception of the news, expressed their regret for the loss of President Lincoln, and their utmost horror of the act and detestation of his murderers.

JOHN W. M. APPLETON,
*Major First Battalion Heavy Artillery, Commanding Post.*

(Forwarded by General Hoffman to General Grant.)

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 65. } WAR DEPT., ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Washington, April 16, 1865.*

By direction of the President, the following assignments are hereby made:

I. Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, U. S. Army, to the command of the Department of Virginia.

II. Maj. Gen. E. O. C. Ord, U. S. Volunteers, to the command of the Department of the South, relieving Maj. Gen. Q. A. Gillmore, U. S. Volunteers, who, upon being relieved, will report to the Adjutant-General of the Army, at Washington, for orders.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. A. NICHOLS,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 66. } WAR DEPT., ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Washington, April 16, 1865.*

The following order of the Secretary of War announces to the Armies of the United States the untimely and lamentable death of the illustrious Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 16, 1865.*

The distressing duty has devolved upon the Secretary of War to announce to the Armies of the United States that at 7.22 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1865, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, died of a mortal wound, inflicted upon him by an assassin. The Armies of the United States will share with their fellow-citizens the feelings of grief and horror inspired by this most atrocious murder of their great and beloved President and Commander-in-Chief, and with profound sorrow will mourn his death as a national calamity. The headquarters of every department, post, station, fort, and arsenal will be draped in mourning for thirty days, and appropriate funeral honors will be paid by every army, and in every department, and at every military post, and at the Military Academy at West Point, to the memory of the late illustrious Chief Magistrate of the Nation and Commander-in-Chief of its Armies.

Lieutenant-General Grant will give the necessary instructions for carrying this order into effect.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

On the day after the receipt of this order at the headquarters of each military division, department, army, post, station, fort, and arsenal, and at the Military Academy at West Point, the troops and cadets will be paraded at 10 a. m., and the order read to them, after which all labors and operations for the day will cease and be suspended, as far as practicable in a state of war. The national flag will be displayed at half-mast. At dawn of day thirteen guns will be fired, and afterward, at intervals of thirty minutes, between the rising and setting sun, a single gun, and, at the close of the day, a national salute of thirty-six guns.

The officers of the Armies of the United States will wear the badge of mourning on the left arm and on their swords, and the colors of their commands and regiments will be put in mourning for the period of six months.

By command of Lieutenant-General Grant:

W. A. NICHOLS,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*



GENERAL ORDERS, No. 67. } WAR DEPT., ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE, *Washington, April 16, 1865.*

It is hereby announced to the Armies of the United States that on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1865, by reason of the death of Abraham Lincoln, the office of President of the United States devolved upon Andrew Johnson, Vice-President, who on the same day took the official oath prescribed for the President and entered upon the duties of that office.

By command of Lieutenant-General Grant:

W. A. NICHOLS,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 15. } HDQRS. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, *April 16, 1865.*

The major-general commanding announces to the army that official intelligence has been received of the death, by assassination, of the President of the United States. The President died at 7.22 on the morning of the 15th instant.

By this army this announcement will be received with profound sorrow, and deep horror and indignation. The President, by the active interest he ever took in the welfare of this army, and by his presence in frequent visits, especially during the recent operations, had particularly endeared himself to both officers and soldiers, all of whom regarded him as a generous friend.

An honest man, a noble patriot, and sagacious statesman has fallen! No greater loss, at this particular moment, could have befallen our country. Whilst we bow with submission to the unfathomable and inscrutable decrees of Divine Providence, let us earnestly pray that God, in His infinite mercy, will so order that this terrible calamity shall not interfere with the prosperity and happiness of our beloved country.

GEO. G. MEADE,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Col. G. D. RUGGLES,
*Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COLONEL: No changes to report except that the brigade of First Division, left behind to load and guard captured ordnance stores, returned to the corps last night.

A. A. HUMPHREYS,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
*Farmville, April 16, 1865—12.30 [p. m.]*

Major-General WEBB,
*Chief of Staff:*

The advance of the Fifth Corps is at this place. Have sent all rations except two days' to the Twenty-fourth Corps. Are there any rations on the road to this place, or grain? Has the artillery at New Store been sent for?

CHARLES GRIFFIN,
*Brevet Major-General, Commanding.*

NOTTOWAY COURT-HOUSE, *April 16, 1865.*
(Received 11.50 a. m.)

Lieutenant-General GRANT:

I was about to move the cavalry to City Point to refit and feed the horses. It is impossible to get the command in good condition at this place. The railroad is in such bad condition that it cannot furnish the necessary allowance of forage and other supplies. Thus far I have not been able to get anything. I will not move until I hear from you.

P. H. SHERIDAN,
*Major-General.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865—3.30 p. m.*

Major-General SHERIDAN,
*Nottoway Court-House, Va.:*

Your dispatch of this date received. Can you not move with from 6,000 to 8,000 cavalry to join Sherman? I have sent you two dispatches on the subject, beside two from Sherman directed to Burkeville, which I judge from yours you have not received. Telegraph up for them, and if they are not there let me know and I will have them repeated.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

NOTE.—If you have no cipher operator send to General Meade for one.

U. S. G.

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NOTTOWAY, *April 16, 1865.*

Lieutenant-General GRANT:

Is the reported assassination of President Lincoln and Secretary Seward, which reached here last night, true?

P. H. SHERIDAN,
*Major-General.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865—7 p. m.*

Maj. Gen. P. H. SHERIDAN,
*Nottoway Court-House, Va.:*

The reported assassination of President Lincoln is true. He died yesterday morning at 7.22. His murderer is supposed to be J. Wilkes Booth, who is still at large. Mr. Seward is still living, but is in a very critical condition.

JNO. A. RAWLINS,
*Chief of Staff.*

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CITY POINT, VA., *April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT,
*Washington:*

After sending my dispatch to you this morning I came down to this place to find the true condition of the railroad. I am satisfied that the command can not be supplied and refitted at Nottoway in any reasonable time. If I could drop back to the vicinity of Petersburg forage could be sent up the river. I am anxious to make the march you spoke of yesterday in your telegram, and will gain time by coming back to Petersburg or this place.

P. H. SHERIDAN,
*Major-General.*



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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865—10 p. m.*

Major-General SHERIDAN,
*City Point, Va.:*

You may bring your cavalry back to Petersburg, or where you can make the most time for your move in conjunction with Sherman.

U. S. GRANT,
*Lieutenant-General.*

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CITY POINT, VA., *April 16, 1865—10.30 p. m.*
(Received 11.45 p. m.)

Lieut. Gen. U. S. GRANT,
*Washington:*

I have telegraphed for the dispatches from Sherman that you refer to.

P. H. SHERIDAN,
*Major-General.*

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CITY POINT, *April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. Col. F. C. NEWHALL,
*Asst. Adjt. Gen., Cavalry Headquarters, Nottoway Court-House:*

We are now here. Send any dispatches that you may have for the general to this place. President Lincoln died last night at 7 p. m. The President was stabbed at Ford's Theater by J. Wilkes Booth, the actor.

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Brevet Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.*

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CAVALRY HEADQUARTERS,
*City Point, April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. Col. F. C. NEWHALL,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, Nottoway Court-House:*

Have you any dispatches for General Sheridan from General Sherman? If you have, send them here at once.

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Brevet Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.*

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CAVALRY HEADQUARTERS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Lieutenant-Colonel NEWHALL,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, Nottoway Court-House:*

The cavalry will move to-morrow morning for Petersburg. Bring forward all our headquarters with the command.

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Chief of Staff.*

CAVALRY HEADQUARTERS,
*City Point, April 16, 1865.*

Major-General CROOK,
*Commanding Cavalry, Nottoway Court-House:*

The major-general commanding directs that you move back with all the cavalry now at Nottoway Court-House to Petersburg. This movement to begin to-morrow morning. Acknowledge receipt. Camping grounds will be selected in advance for you near Petersburg.

JAS. W. FORSYTH,
*Chief of Staff.*

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APPOMATTOX, *April 16, 1865.*

Major-General ORD,
*Commanding:*

General Turner and his command have just reached here from Lynchburg. He paroled there about 5,000 prisoners, and destroyed a large quantity of stores, including some 100 pieces of artillery, mortars, &c., and large niter beds. We leave here in the morning for Farmville.

JNO. GIBBON,
*Major-General.*

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ORDERS.] HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FOURTH ARMY CORPS,
*In the Field, Va., April 16, 1865.*

The command will march toward Farmville to-morrow morning and in the following order: Turner's division and Elder's and Muhlenberg's batteries starting at 9 a. m.; Foster's division and Anthony's battery at 10 a. m.; Mackenzie's cavalry following Foster's division. Each division will be preceded by its wagon train under an escort of a regiment. The headquarters train of the Twenty-fourth Corps will precede that of Foster's division. Each division will be followed by the ambulances belonging to it. Brigadier-General Mackenzie will detail patrolling parties under trustworthy officers to scout on the flanks and rear of the column and drive up all stragglers. Special pains will be taken by all commanders to prevent straggling and the men will be compelled to march in the ranks. General Mackenzie will take special pains to pick up all stragglers from our forces on the rear and flanks of the column and also to prevent the plunder and pillage of private property. The commanding general looks to General Mackenzie to protect the reputation of the command from the disgrace which a few bad men are sure to bring upon it if they are not promptly arrested and summarily punished.

By command of Maj. Gen. John Gibbon:

EDWARD MOALE,
*Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
*Washington, D. C., April 16, 1865—1 p. m.*

Maj. Gen. E. O. C. ORD,
*Richmond, Va.:*

Your telegram to the President of 11 a. m.* has been referred to the lieutenant-general, with instructions that "the President does not desire to see Messrs. Hunter and Campbell, or either of them, at Washington, and if their communication is an application for Executive clemency to themselves it can be transmitted through the regular military channels for such consideration as he may be disposed to grant." You will not, therefore, permit either of these parties to come to Washington, but will at once order Hunter to leave Richmond. You are reminded in this connection of the impropriety of addressing the President direct, and requested to address your communications to the lieutenant-general or Secretary of War.

By command of Lieutenant-General Grant:

T. S. BOWERS,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

* Probably of the 14th. See p. 748.



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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865—9.30 p. m.*

Maj. Gen. E. O. C. ORD, *Richmond, Va.:*

Please send forward to this place immediately one of the best regiments of colored troops you have, to attend the funeral ceremonies of President Lincoln on Wednesday. One that has seen service should be selected.

By command of Lieutenant-General Grant:

T. S. BOWERS,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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RICHMOND, VA., *April 16, 1865.*

Major-General HARTSUFF:

General Gordon can come here en route. Close your picket-line around Petersburg, and give orders to turn back the colored people coming from the country, so that they may not increase the already large number of idlers we are feeding. Respect the rights of citizens to property. Keep the colored people in order and both white and black at work, if any can be made. Protect and rebuild fences destroyed and return private property to owners whenever you can do so.

E. O. C. ORD,
*Major-General.*

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RICHMOND, VA., *April 16, 1865.*

General WEITZEL, *Commanding:*

Orders from General Grant and from Washington direct that private property be restored and citizens protected in their orderly pursuits. Many complaints have reached me of depredations committed, some of a desperate character, principally by black and white cavalry. You are authorized to have all or any person found outraging private houses or plundering persons summarily shot. You will make your men rebuild fences destroyed and have your wood cut and hauled by the quartermaster. Return horses, mules, &c.; protect private property in your vicinity, and post guards and patrols to prevent straggling. Keep your men and officers out of Petersburg. Have your own headquarters with your corps and require all your officers to remain with their men. On account of recent occurrences great care will be taken and proper state of discipline exacted.

E. O. C. ORD,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIFTH ARMY CORPS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Maj. Gen. E. O. C. ORD,
*Commanding Department of Virginia, Richmond, Va.:*

I have received your dispatch of to-day. My headquarters are at Poplar Grove Church. I have no telegraphic communications yet. I am on the line of the military road and have the best positions, from all I can learn and see, there is on it, but the whole country here has been one large battle-field and camp, and the stench and offal is so great that if my command is kept anywhere near here the consequences will be very serious. I have just discovered a fine camp-ground on the South Side Railroad, about four miles west of Petersburg, near A. Chandler's house. It has never been used as a camp. Wood is plenty and water good, and communications for supplies and by telegraph easy. Here, besides the stench, the water is bad. I can get no communication by rail with City Point, as the superintendent says he has no rolling-stock for me, the Army of the Potomac needing everything. The consequence is that I will have to haul my supplies by wagons four miles over bad roads. At that place on the South Side road I will be in just as favorable position to move south as here. Do you authorize me to shift my camp there?

G. WEITZEL,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

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BROADWAY LANDING, VA., *April 16, 1865.*

Lieut. W. R. KING,
*Chief Engineer, Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina,*
*Headquarters General Ord, Richmond:*

There is a long line of rebel batteries not closed at the gorge and entirely indefensible from the rear, which extends from the fort at Drewry's Bluff to the Howlett House Battery. The guns are very heavy, and not easily moved in a hurry. Is it the intention of General Ord to continue the removal of these, or to stop the removal of all the water-bearing guns? General Weitzel has directed the early removal of them, as endangering the navigation of the river in case of a reverse.

I hope the pontoon bridge here may remain as I requested by telegram last night.

HENRY L. ABBOT,
*Brevet Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Comdg. Siege Artillery.*

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,
*Petersburg, Va., April 16, 1865.*

COMMANDING OFFICER FIFTH MASSACHUSETTS CAVALRY:

SIR: Break up your camp at Sutherland's Station, and march your regiment in the direction of this city until you shall have cleared the station with the rear of your command, including wagons, by half a mile, and then await further orders from these headquarters. Have your command well closed and ready to move instantly in any direction, with every man, mounted and dismounted, and every wagon and animal that pertains to it. Take with you two days' rations. Be ready in the manner prescribed at 12 m. to-morrow.

By order of Major-General Hartsuff:

J. M. HOWARD,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*



WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington City, April 16, 1865.*

General GORDON, *Norfolk:*

The President directs that the confiscation sales be postponed indefinitely until the organization of the Freedman's Bureau. You will order accordingly and see that it is done.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA,
*Norfolk, Va., April 16, 1865.*

Major-General ORD,
*Commanding Department of Virginia, Richmond, Va.:*

Permit me respectfully to suggest that the Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry Regiment be ordered here to relieve the Second U. S. Regiment, now under marching orders. The colonel of the Thirty-ninth is brevetted and commands a brigade, and the lieutenant-colonel is now on duty here as provost-marshal. I have every reason to believe the regiment is the class of troops required here.

GEO. H. GORDON,
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 16, 1865.*

Rear-Admiral PORTER, or
THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER AT HAMPTON ROADS:

To prevent the escape of the assassins who killed the President and attempted the life of the Secretary of State, search every vessel that arrives down the bay. Permit no vessel to go to sea without such search, and arrest and send to Washington any suspicious persons.

GIDEON WELLES,
*Secretary of the Navy.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 16, 1865.*

Major-General HANCOCK, *Winchester:*

In holding an interview with Mosby it may be needless to caution an old soldier like you to guard against surprise or danger to yourself; but the recent murders show such astounding wickedness that too much precaution cannot be taken. If Mosby is sincere he might do much toward detecting and apprehending the murderers of the President.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
*Secretary of War.*

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WINCHESTER, VA., *April 16, 1865.*
(Received 4.30 p. m.)

Major-General HALLECK, *Chief of Staff:*

I have this day received a communication from Colonel Mosby, and have had an interview with Lieutenant-Colonel Chapman, of his com-

mand. I have no doubt but that Mosby will surrender his whole command on the terms given to General Lee. Arrangements have been made for a meeting at Millwood on Tuesday noon, when I expect to receive the surrender. Meanwhile Mosby agrees to refrain from any operations whatever, and I have directed no offensive operations against his command to be made. They are aware of the death of the President.

WINF'D S. HANCOCK,
*Major-General, Commanding.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 16, 1865—7.25 p. m.*

Major-General HANCOCK,
*Winchester, Va.:*

Lieutenant-General Grant authorizes you to give to Colonel Mosby and his command the same terms as those agreed upon with General Lee. It, however, is to be understood that permission to return to their homes does not include former homes in loyal States or the District of Columbia. Persons from these places must take the oath of allegiance and get special permits from the War Department before they can return.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
*April 16, 1865.*

Major-General AUGUR,
*Commanding:*

GENERAL: The Secretary of War directs that fishing boats be permitted to leave as usual; also market people and railroad trains, all being under inspection of police.

Very respectfully,

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 16, 1865.*

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

General Hancock directs me to inform you that he expects to receive the surrender of Mosby's command about Tuesday next. Mosby has agreed to suspend all hostile operations whatever as soon as he can communicate with his men, and the general requests that you will pursue a defensive course as long as the agreement is respected by Mosby. The agreement includes the whole military division.

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



HEADQUARTERS GOVERNMENT FARMS,
*Saint Mary's County, Md., April 16, 1865.*

Captain WILLAUER,
*Leonardtown, Md.:*

SIR: I have overtaken about thirty-five men of Garland Smith's command and captured one prisoner. Some very heavy skirmishing took place about 10 o'clock near Mechanicsville, in which I lost one man. I had to fall back in consequence of not having men enough. Send me all the men you can spare and let them report here to me.

F. F. BUCKLEY,
*Captain.*

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GOVERNMENT FARMS,
*Saint Mary's, April 16, 1865.* (Received 6.10 a. m. 17th.)

Capt. J. M. BROWN,
*Chief of Bureau of Government Farms, 132 Pennsylvania avenue:*

Obtain a guard if you can to accompany my men and horses when they start for the farms. Captain Buckley with his cavalry reached here last night. They met a portion of Mosby's men, under Capt. Garland Smith, just on the edge of the farms. Quite a skirmish but no loss; one prisoner was captured; all our men are under arms. If you cannot obtain a guard, please arm the men who are with Mr. Byron and telegraph me when they start.

EDWD. F. O'BRIEN,
*First Lieutenant, Veteran Reserve Corps.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brigadier-General SLOUGH,
*Military Governor of Alexandria:*

Permit the ferry-boats to resume their regular trips between this city and Alexandria, Va., satisfying yourself that no improper persons are allowed to pass.

By command of Major-General Augur:

A. E. KING,
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Commanding at Fairfax Court-House:*

GENERAL: Arrangements have been made by the commander of the military division by which he expects the surrender on or about Tuesday next of Mosby and his command. Maintain in the meantime a defensive policy. Send one battalion Eighth Illinois Cavalry and one

squadron and one full battalion of the Sixteenth New York Cavalry to report at these headquarters. These are intended as part of the escort of the remains of the late President, and should march April 17 a. m. Send Colonel Sweitzer to command. Let the band accompany him.

By command of Major-General Augur:

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

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
TWENTY-SECOND ARMY CORPS,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brevet Brigadier-General GAMBLE,
*Fairfax Court-House:*

GENERAL: In addition to the troops already ordered, send another battalion of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and come yourself.

Respectfully,

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

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ILLINOIS CAVALRY,
*Fairfax Court-House, Va., April 16, 1865.*

Capt. C. I. WICKERSHAM,
*Assistant Adjutant-General, First Separate Brigade:*

CAPTAIN: I have the honor to report that the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, sent yesterday morning to scour the front of this line, has returned with four prisoners, three of them soldiers and one a citizen, who was taken under suspicious circumstances, and who, I think, may be a guerrilla. I divided the command into squads of from fifteen to thirty men and effectually scoured the country from the Orange and Alexandria Railroad to the Potomac River, and as far out as Brentsville, Gainesville, Aldie, and nearly to Leesburg. Nothing was learned of any movements of a suspicious character. I returned to camp between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. R. CLENDENIN,
*Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Regiment.*

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POINT LOOKOUT, *April 16, 1865.*
(Received 7.30 a. m.)

Major-General HALLECK:

The guard-boat has stopped the mail-boat which left Washington yesterday afternoon. I shall hold her until further orders, according to your dispatch of yesterday.

JAS. BARNES,
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*



WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 16, 1865—1 p. m.*

Brigadier-General BARNES,
*Point Lookout:*

Freight vessels and transports and mail boats without passengers, except troops, officers, and persons well known, will be permitted to pass. They should be thoroughly inspected.

H. W. HALLECK,
*Major-General and Chief of Staff.*

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WINCHESTER, VA., *April 16, 1865.*

General WILLIAM DWIGHT:

The commanding officers are authorized to parole Confederate soldiers, Mosby's men included, when they come to these lines, on terms given by General Grant. While the strict ruling required that private horses, which have been used for Government purposes, should be delivered up, the general will not require this as a condition to surrender. It is, however, desirable that all horses that formerly belonged to the United States should be required. After being paroled the prisoners will be allowed to return to their homes. The arms of the men must be given up, unless there is good evidence to show that they have been lost, not secreted. All offensive operations against Mosby's men will cease until further orders, as negotiations are in progress for the surrender of his command. Blank paroles of the prescribed form will be furnished from these headquarters.

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

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brevet Major-General TORBERT,
*Chief of Cavalry:*

The major-general commanding directs that you send a command to New Market for the purpose of paroling a considerable number of Confederate soldiers, who will assemble there on Wednesday, the 19th. The command should reach New Market on Tuesday night and should be provided with several days' rations and forage. A quantity of blank paroles will be furnished you during the day. They are to be administered in duplicate, the duplicate copies to be sent to the provost-marshal of the division. It is desirable that each man be paroled individually if practicable. The terms are the same as those given to the Army of Northern Virginia. It is understood that General Grant did not insist on the private horses of soldiers being given up and the general will not demand it, but all horses with U. S. brands should be brought in, and the men should deliver up their arms. The general desires you to send officers to conduct the paroling, who will have it properly attended to, and also desires the greatest care taken to avoid depredations on citizens or property en route. You will please notify the general what force you send and under what officer.

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

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brevet Major-General TORBERT,
*Chief of Cavalry:*

Major-General Hancock directs me to notify you that offensive operations against Mosby will be discontinued by mutual agreement until further orders, as negotiations are in progress for his surrender. This will not interfere with your movement up the Valley.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

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

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 16, 1865.*

Brevet Major-General TORBERT,
*Chief of Cavalry:*

The major-general commanding directs me to inform you that Colonel Mosby, C. S. Army, will be at Millwood Tuesday next, the 18th instant, at 12 m., for the purpose of arranging the surrender of his command or definitely declining; without doubt the former. The general desires you to send Brigadier-General Chapman to meet Colonel Mosby and conduct the negotiations with him. If Mosby is ready to surrender his command on Tuesday the general desires General Chapman to finish up the matter. Blank paroles will be furnished him in sufficient number for that purpose.

The general desires Colonel Mosby to have a muster-roll of his command, a duplicate of which is to be retained by General Chapman. The officers and men are to be paroled individually in duplicate, the duplicate forms being forwarded to the provost-marshal at these headquarters. The enlisted men are to turn in their arms and all Confederate States Government horses, or horses formerly belonging to the United States. The general will not demand the surrender of all private animals. If Colonel Mosby has any artillery or public transportation (captured or otherwise) it is to be included in the surrender. The paroles being given, the officers and men will be allowed to return to their homes. The major general commanding wishes General Chapman to impress very clearly upon Colonel Mosby's mind the great necessity that with his surrender all guerrilla operations should cease. There are known to be some independent parties operating from the vicinity of the Blue Ridge, and it will be for the interest of Mosby's men to hunt them out, as they can only bring further distress upon the people. It would also be well for General Chapman to say that Union people, refugees from the country he has occupied, must be allowed to return to and remain at their homes unmolested, and that the army will be used effectually, if necessary, to secure this.

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

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WINCHESTER, *April 16, 1865.*

General STEVENSON:

Paroled prisoners returning to their homes cannot be permitted to go into the loyal States or the District of Columbia without taking the oath of allegiance and obtaining special permission of the War Department. This to be distinctly understood in giving paroles, and the interpretation to be given to the permission to return to their homes.

By order:

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



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WINCHESTER, *April 16, 1865.*

General EGAN:

The commanding officers at Cumberland, Harper's Ferry, Charlestown, Summit Point, and Stephenson's Depot, and Berryville are authorized to parole Confederate soldiers, Mosby's men included, who come to these lines, on the same terms as given by General Grant. While the strict ruling requires that private horses, which have been used for Government purposes, should be delivered up, the general will not require this as a condition to surrender. It is, however, desirable that all horses that formerly belonged to the United States should be recovered. After being paroled the prisoners will be allowed to return to their homes. The arms of the men must be given up, unless there is good evidence to show that they have been lost and not secreted. All offensive operations against Mosby's men will cease until further orders, as negotiations are in progress for the surrender of his command. Blank paroles of the prescribed form will be furnished from these headquarters.

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

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CHARLESTON, W. VA., *April 16, 1865.*

Capt. J. WHITLEY,
*Loup Creek, W. Va.:*

Can't you find out by scouts and through refugees, deserters, &c., the number and position of the rebels in our front? Can you get anything from the families now coming in or from the flag of truce? The families will be sent here under guard.

By order of Col. J. H. Oley:

J. M. RIFE,
*Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION,
*April 16, 1865.*

General E. B. TYLER,
*Relay House:*

Please notify your people along the river that an agreement is made with Mosby by which no offensive movement is to be made by him and none by us. The general expects Mosby to surrender on Tuesday. This agreement does not include guerrilla parties not belonging to Mosby's command.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT,
*Washington, April 16, 1865—8.30 p. m.*

Colonel NEWPORT,
*Chief Quartermaster, Baltimore:*

Send immediately to patrol and watch the west shore of the Chesapeake as far as Point Lookout for all the steamers in employment of this Department in Baltimore. Let a vessel watch particularly the mouth of the Patuxent River. Put three or four armed men on each tug or other steamer. Let them keep out of sight, and admit on board any persons desiring to come off from shore. Detain all such persons; overhaul all small vessels or boats, and detain them until examined. The murderers of the President and Secretary of State have, it is believed, gone southeast, and will perhaps attempt to escape by water to the Eastern Shore, or to board some vessel waiting for them, or some vessel going to sea. The Potomac will be patrolled by steamers from Washington. Report the sailing of each vessel and the orders given her. Let a suitable vessel cruise up and down the bay and keep up communication. The object is to catch the murderers if they attempt this way of escape. Vigilance and speed.

M. C. MEIGS,
*Quartermaster-General. Brevet Major-General.*

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BALTIMORE, MD., *April 16, 1865.*
(Received 2.40 p. m.)

C. A. DANA,
*Assistant Secretary of War:*

I have traced Samuel Arnold to Fortress Monroe. Will send two men for him who know him personally. Send me a telegraph order to make arrest at fortress. Telegraphing for arrest may flush it.

J. L. McPHAIL,
*Provost-Marshal-General of Maryland.*

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WASHINGTON, *April 16, 1865—2.55 p. m.*

J. L. McPHAIL,
*Provost-Marshal-General, Baltimore:*

Arrest Samuel Arnold, suspected of being concerned in the murder of the President.

C. A. DANA,
*Assistant Secretary of War.*

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BALTIMORE, MD., *April 16, 1865.*

COMMANDING OFFICER FORT DELAWARE:

The One hundred and sixty fifth New York Volunteers, ordered to report to you, will leave here at 10.30 o'clock on the cars. Have boat ready.

GOV'R CARR,
*Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding.*



*Official arrangements at Washington for the funeral solemnities of the late Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, who died at the seat of Government on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1865.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
*Washington, April 17, 1865.*

The following order of arrangement is directed:

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

FUNERAL ESCORT.

*In Column of March.*

One regiment of cavalry.

Two batteries of artillery.

Battalion of marines.

Two regiments of infantry.

Commander of escort and staff.

Dismounted officers of Marine Corps, Navy, and Army in the order named.

Mounted officers of Marine Corps, Navy, and Army in the order named.

All military officers to be in uniform with side-arms.

CIVIC PROCESSION.

Marshal.

Clergy in attendance.

The Surgeon-General of the U. S. Army and physicians to the deceased.




*On part of the Senate.*

Mr. Foster, of Connecticut.
Mr. Morgan, of New York.
Mr. Johnson, of Maryland.
Mr. Yates, of Illinois.
Mr. Wade, of Ohio.
Mr. Conness, of California.

*On part of the House.*

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts.
Mr. Coffroth, of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Smith, of Kentucky.
Mr. Colfax, of Indiana.
Mr. Worthington, of Nevada.
Mr. Washburne, of Illinois.

*Army.*

Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant.
Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck.
Bvt. Brig. Gen. W. A. Nichols.

*Navy.*

Vice-Admiral D. G. Farragut.
Rear-Admiral W. B. Shubrick.
Col. Jacob Zeilin, Marine Corps.

*Civilians.*

O. H. Browning.
George Ashmun.

Thomas Corwin.
Simon Cameron.

Family.

Relatives.

The delegations of the States of Illinois and Kentucky as mourners.