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68. Ashby Turner (Brig. Genl., CSA; legendary cavalryman; KIA 1862) MDS (“Turner Ashby/Lt Col Comdg”). Camp Evans: 15 Nov. 1861. 12mo.; 1p. “Quarter Master Briscoe will furnish transportation for J.R. Blackmore “Comssy” to Winchester and return.” Dated in the month after Ashby had become Stonewall Jackson’s cavalry commander. Sm. holes at intersecting fold, clear of sig.; horiz. fold passes through capitals of sig. without affect; soiling, esp. on folds, on blank verso. $1,950.00

69. Auger, C.C. (A Union general; “Indian” fighter) ALS as Brig. Gen. Comd. Baton Rouge: 10 March 1863. 4to; 1p. Written to an AAG while in Baton Rouge regarding the optimal location for a divisional review. “opposite Col. Chapin’s camp,” who was made general two months hence and died at Fort Hudson. Ink splatters on upper right corner do not affect text; mounting trace on verso; toned; else very good. $175.00

70. Beauregard, G.T. (Major Gen., CSA) Pencil AD Signed twice with initials. Charleston: 3 March 1863. F: 1-1/6p. Detailed point by point memorandum of 10 orders, each with an overwritten notation referencing “done,” or “not yet” among other status updates. Excellent; lt. blue stationery; very clear writing. $275.00

71. Bramlette, Thomas E. (Civil War Governor of Kentucky, 1863 – 67). ALS Commonwealth of Kentucky letterhead w/ state seal, Frankfort: 14 March, 1864. 4to., 8p. To Col. Richd. T. Jacob. In a compelling argument to the former colonel of the 9th Kentucky Cavalry, Governor Bramlette describes the difficult political situation that Unionist Kentuckians were facing in early 1864. Bramlette saw northern radicals and southern rebels as equally dangerous enemies of free government, and put both groups together as proponents of “Might Makes Right” despotism. He uses the phrase repeatedly in this passionately moderate argument. Bramlette was elected governor as a Unionist Democrat and maintained power by distancing himself from the policies of the Kentucky-born President Lincoln. He later supported McClellan in the 1864 presidential campaign. Very lt. fox; lt. toning (darker around edges); otherwise clean and easily read in its bold ink; typescript included. $2,950.00

72. Butler, Benjamin, ALS plus endorsement. “Headquarters Department Virginia and North Carolina” stationery, with a handwritten notation “in the field”: 27 May 1864. 8vo.; 2-1/2p. To Brig. Gen. Wetsel, Chief Engineer etc. An order to have Col Sorel, 1st. NY Vol. Engineers take charge of the fortifications at Wilson’s Wharf, because the efforts of the enemy to take it show “they consider that port of the same consequence that we do…. Very good; signed as “Maj. Genl Comg.” $375.00

73. Banks, N. P., ALS Head Quarters Dept. Shenandoah, 14 August n.y. 8vo.; 1p. Banks writes regarding a prisoner: “I desire you will send to Col. Geary for a statement of the facts within his knowledge of Mr. Jno. Lowden, who is now held prisoner by Col. Thomas….” [Could use some research.] V.g.; one sm. marginal stain. $175.00

74. Buell, Don Carlos. ALS as “Brig. Genl Commdg. Hd. Qrs of Division: October 12, 8 O’clock. 8vo.; 2p. To Brig under Gen’l Peck. “Move your Brigade to the Chain Bridge tonight and bivouac.” A caution to replenish cartridge boxes, and “post your general guard pickets with tents…..” Banks crossed out his sig. and rank on the first page when he realized he had more to write, which he did on the 2nd pg. signed again. $475.00

75. Bragg, Braxton (Genl., CSA) Autographed Field Telegram, Signed. Tupelo, (Miss.): 23 June 1862. 8vo.; 1p. To Gen. G.T. Beauregard. Bragg traces the movements of Buell and Grant following Shiloh. “Strike as soon as we can be ready we need transportation.” Bragg succeeds Beauregard just a few days after this piece. Thomas Jordan, who served on the staffs of both, pencils a note, signed with initials. Stains, tape repair on verso, trimmed at top, else v.g. One can smell battle here! $675.00

76. Buell, George P., ALS 27 October 1863. 4to.; 4pp. Personal letter written to Buell’s sister during the battle of Lookout Mountain. Writes he is in charge of eight regiments, to principally construct a road over the mountain to supply food and transportation: “Unless we do something soon our army is going to suffer for food – several have tried and failed.” Cites his feeling of his mistreatment by Rosecrans. Touching, personal letter reflecting the intimate pain of war on the family. Moderate tone from damping and soiling, but legibility not impaired! $475.00

77. Canby, Edward R. ALS Hd. Qrs. Milt. Div. of the West Mississippi (letterhead): 27 July 1864. 8vo. 1p. To Maj. Genl. N.P. Banks. returning papers mistakenly delivered to Col. Wilson, “My Inspector General…The boat is said to be going to Mobile!….This boat should of course be seized.” Cryptic. Canby was killed by Indians in California after the war. Excellent. $175.00
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78. A. Doubleday, Abner (Maj. Gen.) N.Y.; Fredericks & Co. $2,850.00
B. Halleck, Henry W. (Union Gen. in Chief) Washington: Brady $875.00
C. Lee, Fitzhugh (Maj. Gen., CSA) Richmond: Vannerson $2,500.00
D. McPherson, James B. (Maj. Gen.) Dept. of Cumberland, A. S. Morse. $2,850.00

79. (Confederate Army: Mutiny) C.S. Robertson, Autograph Letter, Signed (“C.S. Robertson Lt Col/Comdg 1st CC”), Camp near Winchester, Tenn.: 8 October 1862; to Gen (Joes) Wheeler. F.; 3p. In pencil. Wheeler had recently been named cavalry chief of the Army of the Mississippi, and Robertson here performs the “painful duty” of telling him some of his command has mutinied: “Yesterday morning…a portion of Co. A (Capt. Boyd’s) & Co. B (commanded by Lieut. McEwen)...stacked their arms and refused to perform the duties of soldiers, at the same time demanding a discharge.” As Kentuckians the men alleged their 12-month enlistments were up and that they were not subject to the conscript law. Robertson has had them all arrested and “marched to this point,” but he commands Boyd, McEwen and Sgt. J. M. Freeman of Co. B for promptly “reporting the mutineers” and assisting him. Today still more men, including some non-com officers, refused duty and “my 1st and 2d likenesses.” “It will make the antics of the Regt. very heavy upon those disposed to act as soldiers if I have to keep a guard over these men…I would respectfully ask that they be dealt with...as summarily as possible. I feel unwilling to depend upon them...even should they recant...” Robertson lists the names of over 70 men, noting “These mutineers are Kentuckians, & most of them have fair horses.” Some handling marks, foxing; tiny hole in 2nd leaf; fold wear; still very legible, the writing clear. Unusual content! $2,250.00

80. Davis, Jefferson (President, CSA) ALS Richmond: 5 Sept. 1864. 4to.; 1p. To Genl W. J. Hardee, Lovejoy’s Station, Ga. With no more reserves available this late in the War from Generals Polk, Maury, S.D. Lee, and E. Kirby Smith, Davis suggests rounding up “...abse...” and that the means in hand be used with energy proportionate to the country’s need.” Excellent, on blue lined paper with a strong, bold ink; one small hole where the ink ate through the paper taking one letter with it. $3,850.00

81. Davis, Jefferson Columbus. ALS Cape Fear River, NC: 16 April 1865. 4to.; 1p. The day after Lincoln’s death, Davis writes to General (Carl) Schurz informing him of troop movements including “Burlie’s” Div. from Holly Springs with supply trains. Reports the width of the river, good camping, that pontoons had not arrived, and “enemy pickets were found on the opposite bank, but were relieved by Morgan’s” men. “Some forage & provisions...but not enough to last for more than a couple of days.” V.g. $475.00

82. DeTrobiand, Phillip Regis. (Colonel, 55a New York; BG, USV; Defender of Devil’s Den) ALS to NY Adjutant General Thomas Hillhouse, Camp Tennallytown, Washington DC: 31 October 1861. 4p. on 55a N.Y.S.M (Gardes Lafayette) Colonel DeTrobiand was an expatriate French aristocrat, lawyer, poet, and novelist who supported the Union. Here he writes to the Adjutant General of New York to complain that his Garde Lafayette (55a NY) is badly under-equipped. After thanking the state for a delivery of red cloth to his Zouaves, he complains bitterly of the lack of gaiters in an impressive overstatement “…in decency’s name, with what are they to cover their calves or to preserve their tibias from the exposure to the cold air? Since their pants don’t come any lower than under the knee and their shoes don’t come any higher than their foot. Give, do give them something to fill the gap!!” The good colonel then goes on to declare “I will not give up gaiters, if I must go.” Today still an important overstatement “… in decency’s name, with what are they to cover their calves or to preserve their tibias from the exposure to the cold air? Since their pants don’t come any lower than under the knee and their shoes don’t come any higher than their foot. Give, do give them something to fill the gap!!” The good colonel then goes on to declare “I will not give up gaiters, if I must go.” Today still an important overstatement “…” $2,850.00

83. Dix, John A. Autograph Note. Baltimore: 1 January 1862. 12mo.; 1p. A pass to allow “Mr. Hosack of New York and party” to enter Forts McHenry and Federal Hill. As Secretary of the Treasury, Dix, with impending Civil War, wrote a harried employee in New York; BG, USV; Defender of Devil’s Den) ALS to NY Adjutant General Thomas Hillhouse, Camp Tennallytown, Washington DC: 31 October 1861. 4p. on 55a N.Y.S.M (Gardes Lafayette) Colonel DeTrobiand was an expatriate French aristocrat, lawyer, poet, and novelist who supported the Union. Here he writes to the Adjutant General of New York to complain that his Garde Lafayette (55a NY) is badly under-equipped. After thanking the state for a delivery of red cloth to his Zouaves, he complains bitterly of the lack of gaiters in an impressive overstatement “…in decency’s name, with what are they to cover their calves or to preserve their tibias from the exposure to the cold air? Since their pants don’t come any lower than under the knee and their shoes don’t come any higher than their foot. Give, do give them something to fill the gap!!” The good colonel then goes on to declare “I will not give up gaiters, if I must go.” Today still an important overstatement “…” $2,850.00

84. Early, Jubal A. Autograph Letter, signed (“J A Early”). Lynchburg (Va.): 29 Jan. 1885; to Fitzhugh Lee, as Governor of Virginia. 4to.; 1p. Early writes the newly-inaugurated Governor on behalf of Maj. C. S. Hart of Winchester, who was “Quarter Master for the 20th Georgia Regiment in my brigade, the first year of the war, and...such an efficient and reliable man that I took him for Quarter Master of my Brigade. He was subsequently promoted to...Major in the Quarter Master’s Department on my recommendation, and served faithfully...to the end of the war.” Early commends him for “any office which may be in your gift, and which he may desire.” Tiny smudge and mtg. remnant. Excellent and good penmanship; three small holes in the upper left corner where the letter has been bound with other paperwork; closing salutation written in margin of page 4; else very good. An interesting and evocative document illustrating the important quiet period when McClellan’s Army of the Potomac was developing into the well-trained and equipped forces it eventually became. $1,450.00


86. Franklin, William B. MD, signed by clerk. 26 January 1863. F.; 2p. A contemporary, field copy of Franklin’s farewell to his troops after the battle of Fredericksburg and his subsequent resignation. Generally blamed for the defeat in that battle, it was asserted that poor orders from Burnside were to blame, setting off a tiff between the two. Uncommon & historical Civil War relic. $1,250.00

87. Franklin, William B. ALS Philadelphia: 8 March 1865. 8vo.; 4 pp. A letter to Major W. Hoffman as Franklin prepares his defense of his role in the relative disaster at Fredericksburg before the “War Committee.” He gives many interesting details for the defense of his actions. Excellent. In full on our website. $875.00
88. Gilmore, Quincy Adams, ALS.  Port Royal, SC: 23 January 1864.  8vo; 2p.  To:  Brig. Genl. George Washington Cullom.  Tells Cullom of the move of his headquarters and engaged in furloughing veterans from his regiment.  Curiously, a request to obtain an engraving of Fort Sumter, which he admired, to “match the first one,” but complains that he does not have enough cavalry, only “209” on duty.  Gilmore had an exceptionally fine military career after the war.  Excellent.

89. Grant, Ulysses S.  (Union Lt. General; 18th President)  Autograph Pass, Signed “U. S. Grant / Lt. Gen.” on stationary of “Head Quarters Armies of the United States”.  Oblong, 8vo; 1p.  In full: “Pass Mrs. M. M. Bergholz & son from City Point Va. to Baltimore Md. free on Government Transports.”  A handsome example at the height of his War power.  Excellent; usual fold marks; not through signature.

90.  Halleck, Henry W., ALS as “Genl in Chief.”  Washington:  25 March 1863.  4to.; 1p.;  to Col. Conrad in Washington.  Because of road conditions, Gen. Hooker restricts to “mere visitors” except in cases of “positive necessity” and in “no instance to females.”  Written on Head Quarters of the Army stationery.  Stains, rough edge don’t mar writing.  Else v.g.

91.  Hardee, William Joseph.  ALS.  N.p.: 27 December 1861.  8vo.; 1p.  Letter written, likely in Bowling Green, Ky., to an anonymous Colonel regarding Simon Bolivar Buckner's expected munitions shipment erroneously sent apparently to the un-named “Colonel.”  In return, Hardee is, in a manner, suggesting “flint-locks” be sent in their stead, but adds “the exchange is necessary.”  Excellent.

92.  Hooker, Joseph.  ALS.  [Lookout Mountain]: 26 Feb 1864.  8vo.; 3 pp.  To Reverend T. Fox.  Seems that because of the poor quality of his animals, Hooker gave Fox “the best turnout I had…I have no doubt but those two unfortunate mules are both in their graves….”  Cites the reverend as a hero of Lookout Mountain.  “Copy” of Hooker’s Stanton correspondence, seeking relief for the 2nd Massachusetts, which is denied.  Exceptional content letter, in full on our website.  Excellent and fascinating.

93.  Howard, Oliver Otis, MLS.  Dept’ & Army of the Tennessee: 13 January 1864.  4to.; 2p.;  to Maj Geo Thomas.  An introduction for Capt. D. W. Whittle returning to his regiment, the 72nd Ill. Infantry, which Howard wants detached to himself, “if it is not deemed by you for the best interest of the service, I will not press the matter.”  Congratulates Thomas “for your imminent success.”  Very fine.

94.  Hurlbut, Stephen A. (Maj. Genl., U.S.V.; 1st commander of the G.A.R) Autograph Letter, signed (“S A Hurlbut/Maj Genl”).  N.p.; 9 Oct. (1862); to Gen. L. F Ross, “Comp. Expedition” 4to.; 1-1/2p.  Writing about two weeks after the rebel guerrilla attack and battle at Davis’s Bridge, Tenn., Hurlbut reports that “the enemy are in greater force than I expected. You will watch your flanks especially on the LaOrange side. The country around Davis Mills is very rough and you may find trouble in working the artillery down. Be as rapid as possible but cautious when you strike, strike hard. The thing to be done under Genl. Grant’s order is to destroy the bridge or force them to do so… Even if you whip them severely you must not pursue too far, for they still have the railroad and may have been joined by Van Dorn. I shall expect you back by day after tomorrow. Keep me advised….” Forces under Ross would in fact be surprised two months later, at Holly Springs, by rebel Gen. Earl Van Dorn. Some slight spotting, light wear, but very good.

95.  [Jackson, T.J. & Rodes, Robert]  Blackford, Eugene, Major.  ALS.  Hd. Qrs. 5th Ala. Infantry, Near “Santee” Carolina Co Va.: 10 April 1863.  Asking for a 3-day leave from Lt. Chas. I. Pegues, Adjutant of the 5th.  Endorsements, Signed with rank on the verso by both Jackson and Rodes on 11 April.  The dark brown ink used by both is the same, indicating that they were together when they signed.  Jackson died just one month after signing here (May 10th).  Walter Taylor signs another endorsement approving the request “By order of Genl. Lee.”

96.  Johnson, R.W. (Union Brig. Gen.) ALS.  13 August 1864.  4to.; 1p.  14th Army Corps letterhead.  Johnson was prominent at Chickamauga and here reports casualty losses and captured enemy in the Atlanta campaign.  Penciled in are remarks, “Aug. 12, killed 1, wounded 29.”  Penciled in are also cited.  Written on the cusp of the burning of Atlanta on Sept. 2.  A fine field report to the Chief of Staff, Army of the Cumberland.  Excellent, though a mounting trace on verso.

97.  Kearny, Stephen W. (Brig. Gen., U.S.V.; commanding Army of the Mexican War; western explorer; “father of the cavalry” Autograph Letter, signed (“S.W. Kearney / Col. 1st Drags.”).  Fort 3 Leavenworth: 18 October 1841; to Peter Hagner, 3rd Auditor, U.S. Treasury.  4to.; 1p.  After discussing another accounting matter, Kearney asks for the return of papers concerning two horses he had lost in 1834 which were “sent to you by Col [Thomas Hart] Benton…with his opinion, that the law of Jany. 18th ’37 covered my claim for remuneration; but as you decided otherwise & as no further action has been held on those papers, they are not wanted in your office, & I wish them returned to me.”  Very good; clean and neat.

98. Lee, Robert E., ALS “R.E. Lee / Capt & Asst. to ‘Ch Engr’”  Washington:  19 March 1845; to Adjt. Gen. (Roger) Jones.  4to.; 1/2p.  Lee forwards “three packages of registers of graduates of the Mil. Academy from 1801-1944, for the 1st 3d & 4th Regiments of Artillery.  The 2nd Regt. has been furnished from the Mil. Academy.”  Conceivably related to Mexican affairs: “Congress had agreed to annex Texas on March 1st, and Mexico would consequently break diplomatic relations later this month.  Both Lee and Jones would win brevets for their Mexican War service.  Fine; darkly penned; ideal for display.

99. Logan, John A., ALS 29 February 1864; on Army of the Tennessee letterhead.  4to.; 1p.  A request permitting, at this late stage in the war, an individual to store his “only 29 bales of cotton” at the depot, to facilitate shipping.  Slight toning, minor foxing.  Else v.g.
100. Longstreet, James [Lt. Genl., C.S.A.; Lee’s “Old Warhorse”] Printed Document, signed “James Longstreet”. New Orleans: 18 November 1870. Oblong, sm. f.; 1pg. Signed as President of the New Orleans & North Eastern Rail Road Company, certifying that George Ingram “is entitled to Five Shares” of stock for the R.R. Interestingly, Ingram happened to also be Secretary of the R.R. and signs it himself. But in a red ink across the face of the document is written “Cancelled.” Unaccomplished printing on the verso, two engravings, and a fine blind stamp. Excellent; great train engraving. $1,250.00

101. McLaws, Lafayette (Maj. Genl., C.S.A.; at Peach Orchard and Devil's Den, Gettysburg) ALS. Augusta, Ga.: 3 June 1866; to Georgia Governor Charles J. Jenkins. 4to.; 4p. In the aftermath of the War as court clerk from Richmond County, McLaws writes of his expectation that “the order which was issued from the War Department directing that ‘Raphael W. Semmes’ be not permitted to hold or exercise any civil or political office of trust while he remains unpardoned by the President” will be made applicable to himself as an ‘unpardoned rebel’…” If so, he will not be able to exercise his current clerkship because doing so will subject him to arrest and imprisonment “by the military authorities for disobedience to a military order…Nothing can be gained by refusing a compliance… except a notoriety which would be painful… But I will not resign the office.” Despite the guarantee in his federal parole he finds that the current situation gives him “no guaranty of protection… and must of necessity consider this order, as equivalent to a sentence of banishment, and must seek some other country for a residence.” Some erased penciling on first page; faint fold soil on blank last page; minuscule stabholes and a thin strip of binding residue in gutter fold (clear of text) from having once been in a letterbook; else near fine. $675.00

102. McLaws, Lafayette (Maj. Genl., C.S.A.; at Peach Orchard and Devil's Den, Gettysburg) ALS. Goldsboro, NC: 22 March 1865. ALS w/ envelope, 8vo.; 4p. w/ a 5a. p. written across the 4a. lengthy letter written to the general’s wife as the war is in its dwindling days. Updates her on the activities and location of the Union army as it attempts to “close in upon General Lee before he can escape.” Displays a bit of Northern bravado and includes the semi-sympathetic sentiment that “it seems terrible that women and children should be made to suffer,…(but) the rebels have brought this fate upon themselves by their own wickedness.” A letter infused with complex, yet predictable emotions at this phase in the conflict. V. G.; excellent detail, nice content. $675.00

103. McClellan George B., ALS as Lt. Engrs & Bvt. Capt. West Point: 5 April 1850. 4to.; 1-1/4p. McClellan requests a uniform coat to be made with the “lineal rank” of 2nd Lt. and the “brevet grade” of a Captain. He writes to a tailor in Boston in dismay over a previously made uniform of what he considered poor quality; “if better cloth cannot be provided for the usual price, I would prefer paying more for a good article.” McClellan goes into some depth about parameters of the neck, chest, arms, and armpits. “Little Mac” also “franks” the address leaf; “Charge Geo. McC.” Very unusual. $675.00

104. McClellan, George B. (Maj. Genl./-in-C., U.S.A.) and John Hay Lincoln secretary/biographer; Sec. of State under Teddy Roosevelt). AES, by each, on last page of a letter; in French, to “Monsieur le President” (Abraham Lincoln). Havre (France): 21 November 1861; 2p., 4to, on a 4p. lettersheet. The letter, written by a French Army officer, 1st Lt. Henry Andre, 2nd Artillery, solicits a U.S. Army appointment and notes his qualifications (incl. “twelve campaigns in the Crimea and...Africa” and a thorough knowledge of horse cavalry), which fit him to be “useful to a country I have always loved.” McClellan’s AES, signed as Maj. Genl. commanding, states that he knows no way to oblige Andre other than procuring him “a commission from the Gov. of some state - even then a knowledge of...English...would seem to be necessary.” Hay writes: “Referred to the President to the consideration of the Hon. Secretary of State.” Some margins quite frayed, affecting bits of Andre’s text; browned, worn old fold passes horizontally through Hay’s sig., nevertheless it is quite readable. Accompanied by a period translation. $875.00

105. McCook, Edward M. (1833-1905). Union Brevet Maj. General, businessman, and Governor of Colorado, 1860-1875. Autographed Letter Signed “E. M. McCook”, 4pp., octavo, October 23, 1863, from McCook in Winchester, Tennessee to a Major Sinclair in Dechard, Tennessee. This after battle report was written by McCook when serving as Colonel of the 2nd Indiana Cavalry. It reads in part: “Major: I have the honor to report the operations of my command under Wheeler and his forces after the fight at Anderson’s Cross Roads… The advance charged on the Enemy back…his whole force had taken positions in a dense undergrowth… I ordered the 9th Pa to dismount and deploy skirmishers… a small force of the Enemy was opposing my advance… on reaching the edge of the woods they were fired upon and one man wounded. They returned the fire guided by the flash of the Enemy’s guns, killing and wounding twelve. I regarded it almost impossible to advance further in the dark… Since the beginning of the war no cavalry has undergone the same amount of hardship and fatigue that my division did on this march. I am proud to say that it was borne without complaint or murmur but the effect has been such on both men and horses that it will require weeks to restore them to their former efficiency…” Written on First Cavalry Division Headquarters stationery, this letter was reproduced in the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion. VF, Small area of paper loss at the top of the first page. $2,850.00

106. No Item.

107. Memminger, Christopher G. (Sec. Treasury, U.S.A.; South Carolina secession delegate, member C.S.A. Congress) Autograph Letter, signed (“C G Memminger”) while Secretary, on imprinted Treasury Dept. letterhead, Richmond (Va.): 26 June 1863; to Col. John Jenkins, John’s Island, S.C. 4to.; 1-2/3p. “I feel deep solicitude for the young men whose cases you bring to my notice...The whole question is under serious consideration by the Government, and the President himself is engaged in an effort to have properly arranged with the Yankee authorities, the whole matter. I shall submit your letter to the Secretary of War, and you may rest assured that officer will do everything in his power...” In a later postscript Memminger informs Jenkins that he has just “seen the Secretary of War and he has said that he will issue an order, now that our army is in the enemy country, to seize an equal number of the most respectable citizens of the enemy who can be found.” On 10 June Col. Jenkins had written Gen. Johnson Hagood about these same young men, concerned that they had not been exchanged (as per cartel), explaining that they were prisoners captured while “on duty beyond our picket-lines on the Edisto...[and] doubtless kept as hostages for the safety of officers commanding negro (sic) troops and negro troops themselves who may be captured in some of their raids. They are the sons of wealthy planters, or themselves owners of slaves, and of some of those very negroes now in Yankee service. Just such as a cruel ingenuity would select for such a purpose...” Memminger’s letter, orig. very tender or broken along folds, has been expertly restored; scattered soil on bottom half of verso; approx. half-inch-wide moderate
brownish stain along one vertical fold, which w/ some soiled fold wear obscure bits of a few words in the postscript; stain just touches beginning flourish of “C” in sig.  108. SOLD

Pemberton, John C. (Lt. Gen. CSA) ALS w/ rank. Vicksburg: 10 July 1863. 4to.; 1p. To Union Maj. Gen’l J.B. McPherson. Acknowledges a communication received from McPherson and writes “that orders will at once be issued that the requisite number of nurses & attendants remain in the Confederate Hospitals.” Written 6 days after the fall of Vicksburg, which he had surrendered. Very good.  $775.00

109. Pickett, George E. ALS “Ever and Forever / Your own devoted / Loving husband / George.” N.p.: n.d. (circa 1863) 4to.; 2p. Pickett’s longing letter to his wife, “(t) could not not sleep—I rolled and tossed and thought of my heart—which was absent, but in the sweetest casket in the world.” Citing the price of gold, he worries, “The enemy seems nonplussed as to the number of troops we have in Maryland” – referencing Jubal Early’s raid on Washington, DC. Fair condition; boldly penned and the majority quite legible, but w/ various tape repairs, chips, and holes affecting some words. Must be seen.  $675.00

110. Polk, Leonidas (Lt. Genl., C.S.A.; KIA Pine Mountain, Ga.) ALS Ashwood (Tenn.): 28 September 1842; to Duncan Camden, Raleigh, N.C. 4to.; 3p. + margins of addressleaf. A long business letter, w/ much about notes and his need of a loan, but mentioning his purchase of “a family of negroes” and that his “ overseer from below writes me my negroes continue to have good health...” He states he will reserve some of his cane to enlarge his next crop "to a point equal to my force" and send 25 "hands...from this place, hands that can be very well spared here & made more profitable there." Lt. foldwear but v/g with scarce reference to himself as a slaveholder.  $1,950.00

111. Porter, Fitz John, ALS “AAG.” Dept. of P.A., Philadelphia. 29 April 1861. 4to.; 1p. Two weeks after Ft. Sumter, Porter requests an approximation of the amount of clothing, camp and Garrison “equipage”, etc. that will be provided to the general’s command “as rapidly as they can be procured.” Porter continues that he is gladened to hear that the general’s command and “military instruction “will soon eventuate in “active service.” Very good; clear and legible.  $675.00

112. Ransom, T.E.G., ALS “Ransom.” NY: 20 June 1864. To Col. J.T. Tucker. In part: “Please leave my report of the battle of Sabine Cross Roads at the house…I leave tomorrow morning for Genl. Grant’s Hq.” Wounded four times, notably at Fort Donelson and Shiloh. He died of dysentery just four months after penning this letter. It is reported that Grant wept when hearing of the news of Ransom’s death. Very good; glue residue on blank page 4. Scarce and desirable!  $750.00

113. Rosecrans, William (Union Gen.) ALS. Wheeling, VA: 2 March 1862. 4to.; 3p. “Rosey” writes to an un-named major that the addressee’s health is a “cause of great solitude”. Rosecrans then turns to “Brady’s prices for imperial and cabinet sizes” and orders some CDVs. Rosecrans assures that “Mrs. R” is “very well” and again wishes for the majority’s speedy recovery and return to better health. Excellent $450.00

114. Ruggles, Daniel (Gen. CSA) Important Autograph Telegram Signed “Daniel Ruggles / Brig. Genl.” (Grenada, Miss): 6 June 1862. Oblong, 8vo.; 1p. To General G. T. Beauregard, Commanding Mississippi Valley. Ruggles informs him of a major defeat: “Memphis surrendered to the enemy at 10 o’clock yesterday morning. Six of Montgomery’s gun boats were destroyed …in front of the city and two escaped…. This meant that the entire CSA Navy was obliterated on the Mississippi River! V.g.; 1 fold.  $1,250.00

115. Schofield, John M. (Union Maj. Gen.) ALS. Wilmington: 26 February 1865. 4to.; 2 p. To Gen. Halleck, Ch. Of Staff. Requesting that an earlier order for one of his supply trains be returned to Washington “be reconsidered” at least. He states that his command’s hard work be the recipient of the benefits of acquiring and outfitting the train: “The teams are good and well broken and the drivers experienced. The teams are good and well broken and the drivers experienced.” Good; clear and legible.  $450.00

116. Scott, Winfield. ALS. NY: 5 December 1863. 8vo.; 4 p. To Col. Townsend. Involves a discussion of an exchange of prisoners between “unionists and rebels,” citing that practice as precedent in the War of 1812 between the United States and Britain. Scott specifically asks what the value is of privates for generals. Very good; fold.  $450.00

117. Sheridan, Phil ALS. Chicago: 19 April 1872. 8vo.; 6 p. To Gen. Belknap. Belknap has apparently approached Sheridan about events and military outposts in the West, and Sheridan is rendering advice about military involvement in Montana and Utah. Belknap became embroiled in the Grant administration’s woes and as Grant’s Secretary of War, was later entangled in scandal by 1876. Very good.  $425.00

118. Sherman, T.W. ALS. Port Royal, S.C.: 20 January 1862. 4to.; 1p. + initialed postscript. Marked “Confidential”, an order to an unnamed general to “embark with three regiments of your brigade as soon as practicable” with rations and instructions as to the boats to be taken on this naval mission. Very good; lt. toning.  $375.00

119. Sickles, Daniel Edgar (Union Maj. Gen.) ALS. Hd Qrs 3a Army Corps, Boscohell: 24 February 1863. 8vo; 2p. To John B. Bachelder. Subscribing to a copy of a print entitled “The Retreat,” Sickles recalls meeting Bachelder on the battlefield at Fair Oaks where the artist showed him his just-completed sketches. Sickles recalls them being “singularly faithful and graphic.” Very good.  $375.00

120. Sigel, Franz (Union Maj. Gen.) ALS. Middletown: 7 July 1862. 4to.; 1p. To Gen. Pope. Sigel acknowledges Pope’s dispatch and has forwarded same to Banks. Says he will return to DC after turning over his command to Gen. Schenck. Brief update on command changes. W/ printed order # 80 assigning Sigel to command of the Dept. of West Virginia, 20 Feb. 1864. Very good.  $295.00

121. Smith, William F. ALS. Philadelphia: 5 March 1882. 8vo.; 3p. Brief note written to John Ropes, historian, forwarding a reply to Sherman disputing the “Battle above the Clouds” at Chatanooga as “distorted” by both Grant and Sherman, accusing the former as “covering up” the latter’s blunder. Map hand-drawn at end of letter. Excellent.  $475.00
Stahel, Julius (Union Brig. Gen.) ALS. Hd Qrs Camp near Franklin: 15 May 1862. 4to.; 1 p. To Col. Albert Tracy. A “shot across the bow” correspondence clearly stating that “the strictest order is given under no circumstance to discharge firearms without special permission.” He has orders “to arrest anyone who is in possession of fire-arms without permission.” Very good; quite readable, though lightly written. $275.00

123. Stanley, David S. (Union Maj. Gen.) ALS “by Telegraph.” Huntsville, AL: 11 March 1865. 4to.; 1 p. To Brig. Gen. Whipple. “Gen. Kimball’s division is ready to move. Mr. Smith has sent all empty cars to Nashville… The rations and forage on the way here will be needed, as we are quite out of each.” These are preparations for Gen. Thomas to follow Hood into Alabama and destroy what’s left. V.g. $575.00

124. Stone, Charles P. (Union Brig. Gen.) ALS. Pt. of Rocks, Md.: 4 July 1861. 8vo.; 1p. Written to Col. M.W. Tappen of the 1st New Hampshire rather routinely reporting that he would look into a delay in a supply train; “hold the ferries until further orders…” Stone’s expedition was successful in strengthening the Potomac line around the capital. Stone is later known best as taking the blame for the Ball’s Bluff debacle. V.g. $275.00

125. Stoneman, George 1822-1894. (Union Brigadier General. Commanded troops in Battle of Fredericksburg, the Richmond Campaign and the March to Atlanta; Gov. of California, 1883-87.) Autograph letter signed, on the imprinted letterhead of the State of California, Executive Dept. Sacramento, 10 Feb. 1886. A friendly letter saying he has no pictures of himself on hand, but will try to send 3 or 4 when they are taken again. A very nice example of this important cavalry officer. $275.00

126. Stuart, James Ewell Brown (Maj. Genl, CSA; commander Cavalry Corps ANV). Addressed Partly Printed Envelope, to “Mrs. J.E.B. Stuart / Mrs. Duvals / Richmond / Va.” [16 January 1862]. Envelope imprinted “Head Quarters Cavalry Brigade / Army of the Potomac” with a cancelled Jefferson Davis 5-cent stamp. Toned w/lt. chips at edges; a clean signature. $3,850.00

127. Sturgis, Samuel Davis (Union Brig. Genl.) ALS. Alexandria, VA: 31 July 1862. 4to; 1-1/2p. To Col. J.C. Kelton warning of the presence of “guerilla bands” forming in the state of Maryland near Fort Slocum, which is isolated and “serious consequences might result.” Not having enough cavalry himself, he suggested that Gen. Wadsworth send a reconnaissance. Sturgis is probably best known for succeeding Nathaniel Lyon after his death at Wilson’s Creek as well as the charge he led at Antietam over the bridge. Very good; one small repairable tear. $275.00

128. [Thanksgiving, CSA] Otey, John (AAG to Braxton Bragg) Manuscript Document, Signed by Otey as “Official.” Gen. Orders No. 6 [In the field]: 17 Sept. 1862. 4to; 2pp. Celebrating the capture of Mumfordsville, Ky. “with its garrison of 4000 men… without the loss of a man… we have in conjunction with the Army of Ky redeemed Tennessee & Kentucky.” Otey notes that Sept 18, 1862 is a day especially set aside for thanksgiving and prayer “by our President” (i.e. Jeff Davis). An aide signs for Braxton Bragg, Commanding. V.g. A rare Confederate Thanksgiving. $875.00

129. Thomas, George H. (Maj. Genl., U.S.A. / U.S.V.; the “Rock of Chickamauga”) Autograph Letter, signed (“Geo H Thomas/ Maj Genl U.S.A.”), on letterhead of H.Q., Dept. of the Cumberland, Louisville, Ky.: 5 Dec. 1867; to Bvt. Col. Henry M. Cist. 8vo.; 4p., on 1 sheet. Thomas advises that he has “a copy of the medal voted by the [Tennessee] legislature to me commemorative of the victory won by our troops over the rebels at Nashville” but, evidently unable to send it privately, will “leave it at Adams Express office this morning. At the time of the presentation Governor Brownlow said… that if I desired any additional copies for… my staff that he would be happy to order them… I informed him of the number I would like but… don’t think I mentioned it to anyone for fear I might evoke hopes that I might not be able to gratify…” It affords me the greatest pleasure to be able in this manner to testify to yourself and all their officers on my staff at Nashville how much I appreciated their services… Thomas won his Major Generalship and the thanks of Congress for defeating John Bell Hood at Nashville, 15 – 16 Dec., 1864. Cist served on the staffs of both W. S. Rosecrans and Thomas; he held a brevet for Chickamauga and wrote The Army of the Cumberland (1882). Williams G. “Parson” Brownlow, controversial newspaper publisher, pro-slavery Unionist and advocate of “hard war” against the Confederacy, was Governor of Tennessee 1865-67. Merest hint of fold soiling on final page, well clear of sig.; else quite fine. $1,500.00

130. (Vicksburg Campaign) Green, W. D. (Adjt. to Gen. W. T. Sherman; Bvt. Col., U.S.V.; orig. w/10th Illinois) Signed official copies of Sherman’s Special Orders #38 and #40. H.Q., Right Wing, 13th A.C.: 30 December 1862. The earlier [in pencil, 8vo., 3p] gives orders relative to artillery earthworks, corduroying a road to the Miss. River, and establishing lines along Chickasaw Bayou and from Vicksburg to Haines Bluff. “The enemy will doubtless shell our position…[we] must not reply unless with a certainty…ammunition must not be wasted…” The later order, in ink, folio, 1p, designates forces to cooperate w/gunboats in “the assault on the battery at Haines Bluff…silence and secrecy must be preserved…march to the river keeping bayonets unfixed…muskets at a trail, so as not to be observed by the enemy…” The day before these were written, Sherman had failed in an attempt to storm the bluffs north of Vicksburg from Chickasaw Bayou. These orders concern a subsequent plan to move up Yazoo River and attack near Haines Bluff; dense fog on New Year’s Eve and a bright moon the following night foiled the plan, and Sherman withdrew to the river, reporting “I reached Vicksburg at the time appointed, landed, assaulted and failed.” Both v.g.; a dramatic pair. $1,250.00

131. Vincent, Strong (1837 – 1863; Brig. Genl., U.S.V.; DOW Gettysburg) Partly Printed Document, signed, as “Col. 83a Penn.” Accomplished in a clerk’s hand. “In the Field”: 28 February 1863. Oblong: 8 x 3.25 inches. Removed from a requisition form, Vincent acknowledges receipt of oats and hay from Lt. D. Webster. A very scarce example from one of the heroes of the Little Round Top; his likeness sits atop the 83a monument there. Vincent had answered B.G. Governor Warren’s call to defend the hill and one of his regiments, commanded by Col. Joshua L. Chamberlain, was instrumental in saving it. He had mounted a large boulder and shouted “Don’t give an inch,” and was then mortally wounded. Excellent and rare! $3,950.00

1862; he later commanded the 1st Division of G.K. Warren’s V Corps. Neatly trimmed at right, just brushing upper strokes of two terminal letters of sig., else v.g.; scarce. $875.00

133. Walker, LeRoy p.; (Brig. Genl. / 1st Sec. War. C.S.A.) Autograph Letter, signed (“LP Walker/Secretary of War”), Richmond, 2 September, 1861, on Confederate states of America War Department letterhead to Dr. William Morris. Quarto., 1p.; docketed. Walker writes to Morris, president of the Southern Telegraph Company in Richmond, requesting cooperation with the government. Walker includes a quoted passage from General Joseph E. Johnston, complaining that telegraph operators are closing their offices for much of the day on Sundays. He requests, sternly, “that you will cause immediate steps to be taken, to remove the difficulty complained of, in this important branch of public service.” Light foxing and chipping at extremities, partially obscuring “War” in signature, small holes near upper left corner, upon vertical fold, and near bottom. Slight separation at bottom of vertical fold. Else very good. $1,500.00

134. Warren, Gouverneur K. (Maj. Gen., U.S.V.; hero of Gettysburg’s 2nd day, where he saved Little Round Top) Autograph Letter, signed (“G. K. Warren / Former Colonel 5th NY Vols / Brig Gen Volunteers”). Washington: 26 September, 1862; to N.Y. Adjt. Gen. Thos. Hillhouse. 4to.; 1½ p. Having, as he notes, been promoted to brigadier general “on the recommendation of Genl. McClellan “for distinguished conduct”” (at Gaines Mill), Warren recommends Lt. Col. Hiram Duryea to succeed him as colonel of the 5th New York. “His ability and his energy since the organization of the regiment…have been one of the principal causes of its success and high reputation, and his gallantry…at Gaines Hill (sic) where he commanded the regiment won the highest encomiums….” Warren also urges that Cleveland Winslow be promoted to major and “Major Hull whose horse was shot under him to…Lieut. Colonel.” Duryea, who did succeed Warren as colonel, is said to have “won the admiration of the regulars” at Gaines Mill when he had the regiment “coolly” pause under fire to count off and realign ranks, at a point when a third of their effectives had already been lost. This action eventually won him a brevet brigadiership. Winslow, Duryea’s successor as colonel, was mortally wounded at Bethesda Church. A fine letter concerning a famed fighting regiment. Some nearly invisible old binding holes in left margin, clear of all writing; plainly penned; fine, clean appearance. $2,250.00

135. Warren, Gouverneur K. (Maj. Genl., U.S.V.; Chf. Engr., Army of Potomac; hero of Little Round Top, Gettysburg) Autograph Manuscript, signed twice (“G.K. Warren”, once in title, once at end). N.p., n.d. 4to.; approx. 16p. in all, on 17 leaves of lined paper. Titled “On Levees” this manuscript, addressed to the Sec. of the American Society of Civil Engineers, discusses the Commission on the Reclamation of the Alluvial Lands of the Mississippi (of which Warren had been president) and recommendations for levees along the lower river. Warren asserts the levee plan is “based on plain facts freed from hypotheses...Were there money enough it might all be built in a very short space of time...Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi can go to work under the proposed plan without waiting for a proper beginning in Louisiana,” but he also cautions: “There is a moral point of view to this subject as well as an engineering one; and that engineering is always to be received with caution which benefits its advocates at the expense of or injury to others or the public. Of such is the engineering of...flimsy structures of many kinds by which human life is sacrificed to avarice.” Warren quotes extensively from official reports including that of his own commission, and praises the work upon the physics and hydraulics of the Mississippi River done by Generals (Andrew A.) Humphreys and (Henry L.) Abbot. Pages held by brass brad in upper left blank corner; some edgewear/toning, tiny nicks, but darkly penned. Two full pages and portions of some others are in a secretarial hand; a couple of pages are pasteups. Some pages have light to moderate offsetting/ ghosting, probably from improper copying in a letterpress. Overall, v.g. $1,650.00

136. Ibid. ALS to Brig. Genl. Fredericksburg: 16 December 1862. 4to.; 2-1/3p. To Brig Gen Hillhouse, complaining about the status of the 165th NY volunteers. Citing high desertion rates so early in the war, Warren blames the leadership for “disorganization” and lack of management. A newspaper notice is attached to the letter, placed by Col. Abel Smith, to seek deserters back to the 2nd Duryee Zouaves, with no prosecution for desertion. A fine, introspective look at insider fighting. Warren’s best known for his role at Gettysburg. Toning/soil at usual folds. V.g. $1,850.00

137. Washburn, Cadwallader C. (Union Maj. Gen.) ALS. Snyder Bluff: 30 June 1863. 4to.; 2p. Washburn is requesting two gun carriages upon which to mount a 32 pound and 8-inch gun at his location. Even two years into the war, the general claims he has no men “that understand heavy artillery” and he also would like to be furnished some ammunitions once General Porter can also per chance help him in mounting the guns once he receives the carriages. Sketches in pencil and notes regarding the guns on verso. Mounting tape on verso. Very clear writing. V.g+. $875.00

138. Waterhouse, Richard. (Brig Gen CSA) ALS. Camp Wright near Pine Bluff, Ark.: 12 April 1863. 4to.; 2p. To his wife, Rose, in Texas. “You should not allow yourself to be anxious for me...This unholy war will sooner or later come to a close on honorable terms...” Saying he would “much prefer active service,” he then writes about young soldiers: “I have several small boys of from 14 to 16...who have made good soldiers and have been in good health...while the strongest and most robust would have fallen victims to disease and have died.” The health of the army has improved, he says. V.g.; toned; very clear writing. $1,250.00

139. Wheeler, Joseph (Maj. Genl., C.S.A.; Col. 19th Ala.: Commdr. cavalry, Army of Miss.) Partly Printed Document, signed (“Jos Wheeler Brig Gen”). Laverne, Tenn.: 12 December 1862. Obl. Ig. folio; 1p. A daily morning report of Wheeler’s cavalry brigade, giving the number of men from privates (2249) to Brig. Generals (1) available for duty, include: those sick, under arrest, absent w/ or w/-out leave, etc. Enumerations are made by regiments: 1st and 3rd Ala. Cay.: 8th Confed. Cay.; Prentiss’S, Holman’s, and Doughlas’s battalions; 51st Ala. and Capt. Roberts’s battery. Wheeler signs at lower right; D.G. Reed, A.A.G. at lower left. Some fold toning, slt. spots; fold sep. between “e” and “1” of Wheeler’s sig.; tiny hole affects a word at top dateline. $1,250.00

140. Ibid. Field ANS (pencil). Np.: 4 November 1864, Oblong, 12mo.; 1p. To Gen. G. Smith at Lovejoy Station, Ga. An update for Gen. Hood that Sherman is returning to Atlanta. “Latest information is that only 2 corps are marching to Atlanta.” V.g.; folds; Lt. soil; Excellent field message. $1,250.00


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operations” on Gen. Sherman’s expedition to relieve Knoxville, which he joined (as chief engr.) at Charleston. Though noting repair of a Hiwassee River bridge, most of the letter concerns the crossing of the Little Tennessee, reached opposite Morgantown on 3 December. That river being deep, cold, swift, w/an irregular bottom, fording was impossible, with “no pontoon train and but two poor flat boats” they were “compelled to look for materials” for a bridge, and found them by tearing down frame and log houses in the town. Troops ferried across covered them “from any interruption by the enemy” while work progressed. The bridge and its construction are described in some detail (it was 240 yds. long, planked w/house flooring) and although his report is modestly worded, Wilson seems to describe quite an engineering feat. With “few nails & no rack lashings,” 3 saws, 6 axes and “but three augers almost entirely useless, the means of firmly securing all parts were very limited;” nevertheless it was “so well built as to stand the severest test of heavy army wagons.” He describes brief loss of one span when carelessness allowed planks to slip and a horse to fall part-way through. The bridge survived “crossing & recrossing” by Sherman's whole commd. except for Howard’s corps; the later drove “wagons and artillery” through Davis's ford, 3 mi. above the river mouth, and built a footbridge from abandoned rebel wagons. Wilson served ably in engineering posts until the month following this letter, when he entered upon the brilliant cavalry career which ensured his reputation as a "boy wonder" of the war. Brownish spot on 5th pg. ghosts lightly on adjoining pgs.; short fold seps.; strongly penned and v.g. $2,500.00

142. Wood, Thomas (Union Brig Gen) ALS. HQ, Huntsville: 9 January 1865. 4to.; 1p. To Gen'l Cruft urging him to, after a recent repulse of “Lyons” at Scottsboro, to “press him hard against the Tennessee River” and to “capture and destroy him” as Cruft has the “ample force” with which to accomplish that. Wood also writes that Gen. Thomas should direct increased attacks surrounding the Nashville area. An order to the telegrapher at the top: “(S)end this next.” Very good. $575.00

143. Wright, Horatio, ALS in pencil. HQ, First Div. 6th Army. October 1861. 4 p. Begins with “On the Rapid Ann,” followed by a rather weak joke about the morality of various females in the region. A correspondence early in the war perhaps surprisingly reporting on delicate matters such as troop movements (as did his subsequent letters). Wright mentions how “very civil” are the “southern brethren,” allowing him, on duty as a picket, to freely inspect his troops while they did not fire “a single shot.” A relaxed and unconcerned tone. Sunned. Last page, blank bottom 1/3 missing; else v.g. $475.00