

RICHARD TAYLOR PAPERS 1863-1865

Correspondence relating primarily to General Taylor's service as commander of the Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, although three important items pertain to charges he made against Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley in 1863.

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Inventory produced c. 1937?
based on paper type similarity to
transcriptions by August Lee, Lt. Col.
Brown and Nicky Crocker

RECORD NUMBER: 1
DATE: April 10, 1863
TYPE: Telegram
COMMENT: Addressed to Gen. Robert E. Lee from L.G. Richard Taylor advising capture of 2,000 prisoners on evening of 2nd.

RECORD NUMBER: 2
DATE: September 1, 1863
TYPE: Note
COMMENT: Addressed to Captain from Rushulg?, reference clothing. Signed on rear by Harris.

✓RECORD NUMBER: 3
DATE: October 16, 1863
TYPE: Letter
COMMENT: Addressed to Major General R. Taylor from B.G. Henry Hopkins Sibley reference conduct unbecoming of an officer charges levied against B.G. Sibley by M.G. Taylor in April of 1863.

✓RECORD NUMBER: 4
DATE: October 21, 1863
TYPE: Letter
COMMENT: Gen. Richard Taylor's handwriting answering Gen. Sibley's letter of Oct. 16, 1863. It is unsigned.

✓RECORD NUMBER: 5
DATE: October 28, 1863
TYPE: Letter
COMMENT: Shreveport, La., from B.G. Henry Hopkins Sibley referring to prior correspondence.

RECORD NUMBER: 6
DATE: 1864
TYPE: Telegrams
COMMENT: Illegible telegrams. One delivered to L.G. Taylor at Selma.

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RECORD NUMBER: 7

DATE: 1864

TYPE: Telegrams

COMMENT: Eight telegrams dated late 1864 from various commanders requesting more troops, etc.

RECORD NUMBER: 8

DATE: 1864

TYPE: Telegrams

COMMENT: Six Telegrams late 1864 addressed to L.G. Taylor from M.G. Dabney Maury reference ships in Pensacola Bay, etc.

✓ RECORD NUMBER: 9

DATE: April 20, 1864

TYPE: Telegram

COMMENT: West Point, Miss, forwarded from Selma., addressed to L.G. Taylor from Gen. Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard. This telegraph is CODED. Attached is partially de-coded note with W. Point 20 Nov at bottom.

RECORD NUMBER: 10

DATE: October 4, 1864

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Mobile, Ala, addressed to Maj. E. Surget, A.A.G. to L.G. Taylor, from M.G. Dabney Maury. Report on conditions as of that date. Over one third of his men sick not fit for duty.

RECORD NUMBER: 11

DATE: November 7, 1864

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to Gen. Richard Taylor from Gen. Alexander Robert Lawton the then leader of C.S.A. Quartermaster General's Office. Letter pertains to appointment of Quartermaster Officers. Mentioned in the letter are Maj.'s Saunders and Sims.

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RECORD NUMBER: 12

DATE: November 17, 1864

TYPE: Telegram

COMMENT: Griffin, addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from M.G. Joseph Wheeler advising enemy checked this evening near Bear Creek.

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RECORD NUMBER: 13

DATE: November 18, 1864

TYPE: Telegram

COMMENT: Mobile, Ala. addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from Gen. G.T. Beauregard advising of telegraph sent to Wheeler telling him to "Employ your cavalry to best advantage retarding advancement of Shermans Army and in destroying supplies in its front.

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RECORD NUMBER: 14

DATE: November 18, 1864

TYPE: Telegram

COMMENT: 12 miles South of Forsyth addressed to Gen. Taylor from M.G. Joseph Wheeler asking if Gen. James Holt Clanton's Command be sent to his assistance.

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RECORD NUMBER: 15

DATE: November 26, 1864

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: To Gen.W.J.Harder, from Gen.P.G.T.Beauregard, from Macon, Georgia. Report pertaining to Sherman's lines of March. Estimating Sherman's crossing the Savannah River. Letter indicates original was sent by courier direct to Gen.Hardee.

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RECORD NUMBER: 16

DATE: November 27, 1864

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: To M.G.Lafayette M.Laws unsigned from L.G.Richard Taylor. Responding to prior correspondance received from Gen.Laws dated Nov.25 asking for the locations of various units.

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RECORD NUMBER: 17

DATE: November 30, 1864

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Richmond, Virginia addressed to Gen. Taylor from Gen. Samuel Cooper ordering Taylor to send dispatch to Gen. Beauregard for assistance with your current emergency and Gen. Sherman's advance.

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RECORD NUMBER: 18

DATE: 1865

TYPE: Proclamation

COMMENT: Signed by N.J.T. Dana, M.G., U.S.A., and B.G. George Baird Hodge for B.G. William Feinster Tucker. Signed agreement to end hostilities. Marked "Official Copy".

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RECORD NUMBER: 19

DATE: 1865

TYPE: Cover Letter

COMMENT: Cover sheet for correspondence with John Scott, Agent and Maj. Gen Maury in relation to sale of cotton at Mobile, with note, undated and unsigned.

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RECORD NUMBER: 20

DATE: 1865

TYPE: Undated Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G. Taylor from Citizens of Rankin County, Mississippi reference to the taking to 1/3 of all horses and mules. Signed by prominent members of the community.

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RECORD NUMBER: 21

DATE: March 20, 1865

TYPE: Letters

COMMENT: Seven letters between L.G. Taylor and John Scott, Agent, Treasury Dept, dated between March 10, and March 20, 1865 pertaining to cotton.

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RECORD NUMBER: 22

DATE: April 4, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Macon, Ga. addressed to Gen. R. Taylor from M. G. Howell Cobb pertaining to enemy movements and what support he could expect in case of attacks on his position.

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RECORD NUMBER: 23

DATE: April 5, 1865

TYPE: Proclamation

COMMENT: Appointing lawyer Otin Cox to settle with the Government of the Confederate States claims Mobile has against it.

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RECORD NUMBER: 24

DATE: April 8, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L. G. Taylor from Cox, Otir and Co. of Mobile, Alabama seeking funds for cotton.

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RECORD NUMBER: 25

DATE: April 9, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Marion Junction to B. G. Daniel Weisinger Adams from Aid of L. G. Taylor advising movements of friendly forces. Aid signing is W. F. Bullock, Jr.

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RECORD NUMBER: 26

DATE: April 12, 1865

TYPE: Telegrams

COMMENT: Numerous telegrams received from & sent to M. G. Dabney Herndon Maury, from April 7th, to April 12, 1865, pertaining to the evacuation and fall of Mobile, Ala.

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RECORD NUMBER: 27

DATE: April 15, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L. G. Taylor from Mr. Thos. Peters asking the general not to destroy the Steam Boats but return them to their rightful owners.

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RECORD NUMBER: 28

DATE: April 15, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Miss addressed to Col. E. Surget
A.A.G., to L.G. Taylor asking he inform Gen.
Taylor of the sale of the blockade Steamer
"Mary" for 17,000 pounds Sterling, provided it
could be deleivered at some point on the
Tombigbee River. S. by M.G. D. Maury.

RECORD NUMBER: 29

DATE: April 17, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from M. Emanuel,
Pres. Southern R.R. Co., requesting sufficient
cotton to cover three months wages.

RECORD NUMBER: 30

DATE: April 17, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from Milton Brown,
Pres. M & O R.R. Co., requesting cotton
asacceptable payment of monies due in order to
continue work for Gen. Taylor.

RECORD NUMBER: 31

DATE: April 17, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from M. Emanuel
demanding one months wages or the work on the
road will stop.

RECORD NUMBER: 32

DATE: April 18, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G. R. Taylor from J.B. Clapp,
Agt. of P. Loan, requesting cotton to cover
cost of roads for one month.

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RECORD NUMBER: 33

DATE: April 19, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Miss. addressed to Capt. Bullock, A.A.G. to L.G. Taylor from Capt A. Pollan Military Court of Inquiry requesting copy of order of L.G. Taylor to B.G. James R. Chalmers ordering him to move via Plantinville to Randolph dated March 30.

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RECORD NUMBER: 34

DATE: April 19, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Brandon, Miss, addressed to Gov. Charles Clark, from V.V. Neomiton complaining about the military taking horses and mules from the farmers.

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RECORD NUMBER: 35

DATE: April 19, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Mobile, Ala, addressed to L.G. R. Taylor C.S.A. from M.G. E.R.S. Canby, U.S.A., pertaining to the exchange of prisoners. Makes mention of order of L.G. Grant.

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RECORD NUMBER: 36

DATE: April 19, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Brandon, Miss, addressed to Gov. Charles Clark from T.D. Harris, Sheriff of Rankin County, complaining about Gen. R. Taylor orders reference taking of horses and mules from the farmers.

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RECORD NUMBER: 37

DATE: April 19, 1865

TYPE: Letter (Copy)

COMMENT: From Greensboro. Addressed to M.G. Howell Cobb from Gen G.T. Beauregard advising to inform the enemy's C.G. of an end to hostilities. Gen's Sherman and Johnson reached an agreement yesterday.

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RECORD NUMBER: 38

DATE: April 20, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Brandon, Miss addressed to Gov. Charles Clark,
reference Rankin County.

RECORD NUMBER: 39

DATE: April 21, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Miss, addressed to Gen Richard Taylor
from W. Rothrock Supt. Ala. & Tenn R.R.
reference provision be made for supply of funds
for road.

RECORD NUMBER: 40

DATE: April 21, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G.Richard Taylor from
M.G.Harwell Cobb,reference to certain
dispatches ceasing military operations.

RECORD NUMBER: 41

DATE: April 22, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Mississippi addressed to Gen.Canby
from L.G.Taylor reference to exchanging
prisoners and willingness to meet for further
talks on the end of hostilities.

RECORD NUMBER: 42

DATE: April 24, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Columbus, Miss, addressed to L.G. Taylor from
James Whitfield, Depository C.S. reference
Government Drafts.

RECORD NUMBER: 43

DATE: April 25, 1865

TYPE: Letter on official letterhead

COMMENT: Addressed to L.G.Taylor from Gen.Canby
arranging a meeting place for surrender and
acknowledging receipt of Taylor's
correspondance of 4-22-1865.

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RECORD NUMBER: 44

DATE: April 26, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Camp near Cuba Station, Ala. Addressed to Capt. W.F. Bullock, Jr., A.A.G., to L.G. Taylor from M.G. Dabney H. Maury reference full investigation of cotton destroyed and/or turned over to the enemy.

RECORD NUMBER: 45

DATE: April 27, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Demopolis, addressed to L.G. Taylor from James L. Price, Pres., Selma & Meridian R.R. Co., reference emergency situation over funds for cotton.

RECORD NUMBER: 46

DATE: April 28, 1865

TYPE: Telegram

COMMENT: Holly Springs, indicating R.H. Bonner, Scout, C.S.A. under white flag was captured. Yankee's not observing truce.

RECORD NUMBER: 47

DATE: April 28, 1865

TYPE: Letter (Copy)

COMMENT: Vicksburg, addressed to Gen William Femister Tucker from N.J.T. Dana, M.G., U.S.A., notifying Gen Tucker of termination of truce.

RECORD NUMBER: 48

DATE: April 28, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Grenada, Miss, addressed to L.G. Taylor from J.W. Clapp, Chief Prod. Loan, reference cotton.

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RECORD NUMBER: 49

DATE: April 29, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to M.G. P.J. Osterhaus, U.S.A., from L. Col William Levy, Actg A.G., requesting that Gov. Watts may be permitted to proceed to Montgomery and resume his official duties as Gov. of the State of Alabama.

RECORD NUMBER: 50

DATE: April 30, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: On letterhead stationary from Headquarters, Army and Military Division of West Mississippi, addressed to L.G. Taylor, from E.R.S. Canby advising that surrender of Sherman had been annuled by Lincoln. By Memorandum he gives them a counter offer.

RECORD NUMBER: 51

DATE: April 30, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: From Wm. Levy, Col, addressed to Col. Spence touching terms of truce between Gen's Taylor and Canby.

RECORD NUMBER: 52

DATE: May 1, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Miss addressed to Gen Canby from Gen Taylor reference damage done to R.R. on day of cease of hostilities.

RECORD NUMBER: 53

DATE: May 1, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to M.G. Dana, U.S.A., from B.G. William Feimster Tucker advising Gen. Dana of communications received indicating the agreed on armistice would end in 48 hours.

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RECORD NUMBER: 54

DATE: May 2, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to Gen. Steele, U.S.A. from Lt. Col. S. Toney, Commanding Post, Demapolis, Ala., discussing terms of agreement for surrender.

RECORD NUMBER: 55

DATE: May 2, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Addressed to M.G. Canby from L.G. Taylor, requesting that Col. Forsyh, Editor of Registrar Paper, Mobile, Ala, be allowed to again publish the newspaper.

RECORD NUMBER: 56

DATE: May 4, 1865

TYPE: Memorandum

COMMENT: Original signed Memorandum of the conducting of the surrender of the forces, munitions of war etc, in the Dept. of Ala, Miss, and East La, commanded by L.G. Richard Taylor C.S.A. to M.G. Edward R.S. Canby U.S.A. at Citronelle, Ala. Orig. Sig.

RECORD NUMBER: 57

DATE: May 6, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Meridian, Miss., addressed to J.W. Clapp, agent C.S. Tres reference cotton.

RECORD NUMBER: 58

DATE: May 6, 1865

TYPE: Typed Order

COMMENT: Copy of typed "Terms of Capitulation", dated May 6, 1865, Meridan, Miss. Co signed by L.G. R. Taylor and M.G. Ed. R.S. Canby.

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RECORD NUMBER: 59

DATE: May 9, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Shubita, Miss addressed to Gen Taylor from Milton Brown, Pres. Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co., complaining on the cotton agents not paying for any cotton.

RECORD NUMBER: 60

DATE: 1865

TYPE: Envelopes

COMMENT: Blank envelopes 1863-1865 from Gov. Clark, Citizens of Rankin County, etc.

RECORD NUMBER: 61

DATE: April 20, 1865

TYPE: Letter

COMMENT: Greensboro, from Archer Auduson, Lt. Col., A.A.G. to Gen. Johnson, to M.G. Howell Cobb, advising Gen. Order #14 announces suspension of arms has been agrred upon pending negotiations. Also advises commanders to hold positions and advise the enemy.

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