

Folder 17: SBB Civil War Papers – Telegrams – June 1863

Envelope “Dispatches received by Maj. Gen’l Buckner between 19 and 23 June 1863.”

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, [TN] to J. N. Galleher, Knoxville [TN]. June 17, 186[3].
Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

A party of Indians from Zollicoffer have been ordered to Greeneville [?] by passenger train tonight but can’t reach earlier than two o’clock tonight would order special train but orders from Head Qrs. forbid.

A. Gracie, Jr. Cumberland Gap [KY?], to Major Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 17, 1863.
Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

Flag returned; went within three miles of Loudon; prisoners released, not a Yankee in Barbourville, but few in Loudon, reported to be falling back to Mt. Vernon and Crab Orchard. Most probably towards Somerset to reinforce Carter against Pegram. Goods, cattle, etc. being driven back. Carter reported whipped by Pegram. Did not hear of any movement of troops in direction of Manchester on {Pound?} Gap. A rumor not generally credited says seven regiments have moved toward Williamsburg intended for Big Creek Gap.

A. Gracie, Jr. Cumberland Gap [KY?], to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville, Tenn. June 17, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Dispatches received, will leave tonight, will leave North Carolina regiment here. Colonel Fain will be in command of the post here.

Sam[ue]l Jones, Dublin [VA], to Major General S[imon] Buckner, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

The only troops I can spare are at Saltville under General Williams. I do not think it safe to move them from that place they are at your disposal if you need them. Would it not be better to draw to you all of Preston’s force. I can throw a regiment and battery to the Salt Works at short notice if necessary. I cannot send the only regiment I have to guard this road to Knoxville unless there is the most urgent necessity. Reply promptly as I leave here in the morning.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863, 5 o’clock. Telegram, 1 p.

Dispatch received Col. Finey notified by courier this morning. I sent by train now leaving another courier.

R. G. Fain. Cumberland Gap [KY?], to J. N. Galleher, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

I have just received the following dispatch sent forward by courier to me by General Gracie: Big Creek Gap, June 18, 1863, to Brigadier General Gracie. “The enemy have retired toward Williamsburg they were not in such force as at first supposed. I suppose you will return to Cumberland Gap. (Signed) J. M. Frazier. General Gracie is about 17 miles below here, shall they return.”

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Col. Moore, commanding at Kingston reports the capture of Northburg? this morning 8 o'clock by Yankee cavalry with the garrison stores etc. he? detained Mc? Battery until further orders for want of an escort.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Dispatch to hold Finley's regiment in {?} to move was sent by courier at daylight this morning. Second dispatch received will be forwarded by 4 o'clock train this evening.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 18, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Fifty-fourth left twelve o'clock. I leave here 225 infantry 3rd artillery.

Sam[ue]l Jones, Dublin [VA], to Major General Buckner, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863.
Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

The 51st Virginia Regiment ordered to repost to you without delay at Knoxville. If you can take care of the Salt Works the 63rd Virginia Regiment can go to you from Saltville. I think it probably however that Tho. Ewing has a cavalry force in readiness to pounce on the salt works as soon as the troops are withdrawn from there. I have a field battery at Glade Springs at your service if you need it answer.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.
We just received information that the enemy 2000 strong cavalry were within 6 miles of here at 6 o'clock this morning.

J. G. Martin, Abingdon [VA], to Major General Buckner, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863 at 10:30. Telegram, 1 p.

Your telegram read 9PM yesterday. Colonel Hawkins at Estillville will get orders to move by 9 am today. Brig. Gen. Preston left for Estillville 3:50 PM yesterday. General Jones notified of information read in absence by order of Brig. Gen. Preston.

R. G. Fain, Cumberland Gap [KY?], to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

No news from our {front?} The numbers of Yankee cavalry was only about 20 that came up Kentucky Road yesterday. They came within two or three miles of our pickets.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Florida regiment passed here on freight schedule 8 o'clock this morning no direction as to destination was given to me. Telegraph would meet them at Morristown.

R. G. Fain, Cumberland Gap [KY?], to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863 at 12:16. Telegram, 1 p.

We have neither the tents nor the transportation send General Gracie as ordered by you.

R. G. Fain, Cumberland Gap [KY?], to V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863 at 12:05.
Telegram, 1 p.

I received information last evening that the Yankee cavalry was advancing this direction on the Kentucky distant only some 10 miles this number not known nothing from them morning.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. Sent June 18, received June 19, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

Enemy between Emery? and Clinch rivers at 5 o'clock going toward Watson's Ferry or Center's Ford about four regiments.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN]. June 19, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Have been in the stockades and works recently built all night. Shall use every effort to prevent destruction of bridge. No further news.

Braxton Bragg, Shelbyville [TN], to General S. B. Buckner, Knoxville [TN]. Sent June 19, received June 20, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ p.

A movement now in execution will I hope relieve General Pegram. My withdrawl of Morgan was based on that of the enemy which could not have exposed Pegram. Establish your depot at Loudon or any other point. I have no troops to take the place of those in the territory transferred to the department until I can get those from Mobile transferred out of it.

W[illiam] W[hann] Mackall, Shelbyville [TN], to General Jackson, Knoxville [TN]. June 21, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

General, so soon as you are satisfied that Brown's brigade is no longer needed to repel the enemy that entered E. Tenn. send it back to war {trace?} and restore your brigade to its proper place.

N. C. McLau?, Mobile [AL], to Major General Buckner, Knoxville [TN]. June 20, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

The dispatch in cipher was sent by Walker under your old key. He will leave Jas. Miss. tomorrow evening unless you wish him to come to Knoxville at once. I will leave for Knoxville tomorrow to report to you.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, [TN] to Major Sheliha, [Knoxville, TN?]. June 20, 1863.
Telegram, 1 p.

Give me information of enemy. Are they coming this way and in what force. I had intended going to Knoxville last night but there was no train sent out and none will go westward tonight.

J. M. Crowley, [works for Telegraph Company] no place, to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 21, 1863, 6:50. Night telegram, 1 p.

Have just received a dispatch from my operator at Flat Creek, 13 ½ miles from Knoxville. He saw a soldier who left New Market at 8 am. The Yankees had just got there. They said they were going up the road, that they came here to destroy it from one end to the other and they intended to do it.

John K[ing] Jackson, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 21, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

I have just sent Col. Lillard's regiment and two others to report to you. Can I aid you further. What news.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 21, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

Col. Lillard with 1,000 men arrived. General J. C. Brown with two regiments on the way. What do with them. Hope I did right in sending your reinforcements yesterday. Report of cannonading toward Kingston at 6 o'clock this morning. What news.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 21, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

General Brown has not arrived. General J. K. Jackson has and sent Lillard and two other regiments on to Knoxville. No enemy near Kingston. The cannonading was in direction of Clinton said to be the enemy attempting to escape. General Pegram's command is in the rear of the enemy. General Jackson telegraphed to you on his arrival.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, [TN] to J. N. Galleher, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

Before the arrival of artillery cavalry and Indians ordered to reinforce the 51st Va with which I came on this place arrived the enemy had crossed the Clinch Mountain and was beyond my reach. Must Col. Wharton and my own troops return to Morris? to their former position? Should the portion of Levy's Battery and Thomas legion not captured and paroled go to Loudon the upper end of railroad. I ordered the Sappers and miners to help rebuild smaller bridges. Is it right? Have you any information from enemy? Since crossing Clinch Mountain? Has general Buckner returned? I may come to Knoxville tomorrow.

J. C. Brown, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

I will go up with my staff on this afternoon's train. Ask Col. Lillard to select quarters and have transportation for them.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, [TN] to J. N. Galleher, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

Ewing crossed Holston [River] near Blains Crossroads. Supposed to be moving for Powder Spring Gap and Clinch Mountain. I am here with two sections of Levi's Battery, two companies Indians, once company cavalry, and Wharton's 51st Va regiment. Will move at once in direction of route taken by Ewing. He did not come East of Morristown dispatches will be forwarded from this place.

John K[ing] Jackson, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

What news this evening.

S. R. [Lucan?], Bristol, [TN] to V. Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.
51st Va regiment left Bristol 5 o'clock PM 20th now near Morristown no news.

G. T[roop] Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 22, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

Enemy reported crossing Cumberland River on Saturday at Stigall's Ferry. Robert Short? Mill Springs from 8 to 12 thousand with large train. A lieutenant of Morgan's brigade left near Monticello Saturday and heard this from a citizen. I cannot vouch for the reliability but thought best to communicate.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

Enemy escaped by Childer's Gap. Colonel Hart captured {?} men and 10 horses. General Scott and Pegram arrived too late. Artillery and Indians leave on 4 o'clock train. I communicated order in regard to Matanga bridge. Any news from Vicksburg.

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 1 p. Train just laded & ready to start with 150 indians & two (2) pieces artillery for Watauga and Zollicoffer. Must I stop that[?]. Please answer at once.

G[abriel] C[olvin] Wharton, Morristown, [TN] to Major Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 4 pp.

"We were ready to take the train at New River bridge Va & Tenn RR at 8 o'clock PM Friday, one train reached us about 12 midnight was immediately loaded and started the other train started about 2 AM Saturday. The trains reached Bristol about 3 & 5 PM. We left Bristol about 6 ½ PM Saturday we were detained from 5 to 6 hours between Bristol and this place owing mainly to an engine being off the track about 11 miles east of this place. We reached here about 10 AM Sunday when we ascertained the bridge over Strawberry Plains had been burned & that the enemy in large force was at Mossy Creek. Gen'l Jackson & I with a few mounted men started immediately toward Mossy Creek having directed the trains with the troops to follow close after us. We had proceed four or five miles when we were met by couriers coming rapidly from the direction of Mossy Creek bringing the intelligence that the enemy were about 7 miles from this place & advancing. We immediately returned to make proper in position of the troops to receive them during the remainder of the day. Every effort was made by Gen'l Jackson to get reliable information of the movements of the enemy. I understand the bridges at Strawberry Plains was burned about 7 ½ o'clock PM Saturday about one hour after we left Bristol. Our orders to move were received about 1 ½ PM Friday the Q[uar]ter M[aster] Dublin immediately telegraphed for transportation which was promised between 8 & 10 PM of that day & reached us as above stated."

J. G. Martin, Abingdon [VA], to Major V. Sheliha, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 2 pp.

Gen'l Preston was at Moccasin Gap yesterday had received a dispatch from Gen'l Buckner at Clinton Tenn 3 o'clock PM 21st inst via Cumberland Gap at 5 o'clock PM Yesterday. If possible keep him advised of movements of the enemy via Cumberland Gap. Have you the cipher I can give you Gen'l Preston's exact strength if desired & can communicate with him in six hours by orders[?]."

G[abriel] C[olvin] Wharton, Morristown, [TN] to Col. R[obert] C[raig] Trigg, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

"Has Gen'l Buckner returned are we to remain here or to return to Va. Please answer, the enemy having escaped & no other raid anticipated. I suppose we are no longer needed."

John K[ing] Jackson, Loudon, [TN] to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

When can you dispose with Browns Brigade & 8th Mississippi reg't? Gen'l Bragg is anxious to have them returned so soon as your danger is over. Answer."

John K[ing] Jackson, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Knoxville, [TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

"What news this morning what bridges have been destroyed."

A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 23, 1863. Telegram, 2 pp.

The answer to my dispatch of last night was lost and had to be repeated it did not reach me until after down[?] train passed below. My enquiry about my own & Col Whartons troops were not answered they are all here awaiting orders please answer fully as to all, also give information as to retreating enemy. Where is Genl Gracies command train going up leave at 9 o'clock AM.

W[illiam] W[hann] Mackall, Shelbyville [KY?], to Maj[or] Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 26, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

If you bring or send us your infantry at once two day may give us a victory & open Kentucky to you. Private."

Sam[uel] Boles, Athens, [TN] to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 26, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

"I know that [Frank Lane] Woolford is at Travisville in this state [TN?] Gen'l Morgans Scouts report with a force of four thousand (4000) I left the border last Tuesday."

B[raxton] Bragg, Shelbyville [TN], to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. Sent June 19, received June 27, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ p.

"Your offer thankfully rec[eive]d. Do not want artillery. Cars will be ordered. Your presence most desirable but regret have no suitable command but will be glad of advice and experience.

P. A. Scott[?], Loudon, [TN] to Maj[or] Gen[era]l Buckner, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 27, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

“Mrs. John Scott respectfully solicits information of J. Scott.”

G. Troop Maxwell, Loudon, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, no place [probably Knoxville, TN]. June 27, 1863. Telegram, 1 p.

“Regiments has been on rail road nearly all night when will cards be ready.”

C[harles] S. Stringfellow, Knoxville, [TN] to Major V. Sheliha, Lane[?] [??]. June 27, 1863. Telegram, 1 ½ pp. {water damage}.

“Your dispatch received _____ movements being contemplated by the Commanding General I do not feel it likely to make[?] the order desired Makes[?] the necessity is very pressing & _____ I have therefore forwarded your dispatch to Gen’l Jones man at Union & will wait his answer.”

John Pegram, Knoxville, [TN] to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. June 2?, 1863. Telegram, 1 p. {water damage}.

“Gracie’s Brigade cannot leave until transportation be furnished unless it is absolutely necessary the Corps from this Rail Road shall not go beyond Chattanooga.”

Official copy of Telegrams received by Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson from Dept. Hd. Q, Dept. E Tenn, from 18th June to 22 June inclusive. Each entry is “endorsed” by W. B. Reese, A. A. G., H. Q. 4th Brigade, Jonesboro, July 3, 1863. 1 ½ p. [includes envelope]

V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, June 18, 1863. Order Gen. Finley to watch for train at Zollicoffer; seize 50 head of stock and send them to Major Glover at Knoxville. Enemy pushing on Big Creek Gap; two Confederate brigades are concentrating near that point.

V. Sheliha, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, June 18, 1863. Send Special messenger to Col. Finley to order him to be ready to move at sundown.

V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, June 18, 1863. Order a guard for the protection of commissary at Greenville.

V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro, June 19, 1863. Send regiment ASAP, raid likely, enemy in force near Loudon.

V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Jonesboro . June 20, 1863. Enemy has attacked with five regiments, mounted infantry, two rifled pieces of artillery last night; drove back this AM; trying to escape by Rogersville through Big Creek, Moccasin, or Mulberry Gap; attempting to destroy bridge at Strawberry Plains.

V. Sheliha, Chief of Staff, Knoxville [TN] to Brig. Gen. A[lfred] E[ugene] Jackson, Morristown, June 22, 1863 [undated]. Requests presence at Knoxville if possible. Order guard at Watsuga Bridge. “You are right relative to Sappers & miners.”

Note at the end – W. B. Reese, A. A. G., Jonesboro, to Major W. F. Mastin, A. A. G., Knoxville. As ordered, sending official copy of all order telegrams and dispatches received at his headquarters from June 18 through 22, 1863.

Folder 18: Civil War Papers, 1864

Envelope. To Maj. Gen Buckner, Cmmnd of 3d Division. Marked "Offical". [Empty]

Anonymous, Shreveport, [LA], to Capt. R. Greene, Jr. March 17, 1864. AN, 1 p.

"Relative to the roads from Sour Lake Texas to Jasper & thence via San Augustine, Shelbyville, Carthage and Bethany or Lick Skillet to Shreveport."

S. White, Jasper, Texas, to Capt. R. Greene, Jr., Shreveport, LA. February 16, 1864. ALS, 1 p. [may be a handwritten copy]. Attached to R. Green, Jr. to Brigadier General W[illiam] R[obertson] Boggs, [Shreveport, LA]. ALS, 4 ½ pp. [may be a handwritten copy].

White reports on the conditions of a bridge across the Bear Creek on the line of Sabine and San Augustine Counties near the Jasper County line. In the second letter, Green writes a very detailed report on the roads from Alexandria via Sparta, Homer, Minden, Bellevue, and Benton to Shreveport. Describes road conditions, water availability, food availability, bridge conditions, and length of time to travel certain distances.

R. Green, Jr., Alexandria, [LA] to Brig. Gen. W[illiam] R[obertson] Boggs, Shreveport, LA. February 17, 1864. ALS, 4 pp.

Green reports on the roads from Natchitoches via Sabine Town to San Augustine.

R. Green, Jr., Mansfield, LA, to Brig. Gen. W[illiam] R[obertson] Boggs, Shreveport, LA. February 27, 1864. ALS, 2 pp.

Green reports on the roads, bridges, etc. between Shreveport and Mansfield, LA.

R. Green, Jr., Sour Lake, Hardin Co., TX to Brig. Gen. W[illiam] R[obertson] Boggs, Shreveport, LA. March 6, 1864. ALS, 4 pp.

Green reports on the roads and bridges from Mansfield via Logansport, Shelbyville, Sabine Town, Jasper, to Beaumont.

R. Green, Jr., Shreveport, [LA] to Brig. Gen. W[illiam] R[obertson] Boggs, Shreveport, LA. March 17, 1864. ALS, 4 pp.

Green reports on the road conditions from Sour Lake, Texas, to Jasper, and thence via San Augustine, Shelbyville, Carthage, and Bethany to Sick Skillet to Shreveport.

Frank. A Ramsey, Abingdon, VA, to Major General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. March 12, 1864. ALS, 3 pp. [includes typed transcript]

Ramsey writes to Buckner regarding rumor of his resignation. Expresses regret, suggests that just Buckner's presence gives confidence. Also suggests that all of the good done by Buckner will be forgotten in the act of his resignation.

S. S. Anderson, Assistant Adjutant General, Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department, Shreveport, LA. General Orders, No. 60. August 4, 1864. Printed document, 1 p.

General Orders No. 60 relates changes in District Commanders, including Major General S. B. Buckner, P. A. C. S., to command the District of West Louisiana, by command of General E. Kirby Smith.

Anonymous, Shreveport, [LA] to unknown, no place. November 6, 1864. AL, 3 pp.

Unfinished report? An unknown reports from the H[ea]d Quarters, Engineer Department, Trans-Mississippi Dept., to "General" on the defense works in process of construction and those proposed in the Department of the Trans-Mississippi. Describes District of Western LA, work at the Red River near the "Falls" at Alexandria; a bridge over the Bayou Pierre at Ruddles Ferry; suggests other points for defense on the Red River. Mentions defenses at Marshall, which, while not in this district, are important for its defense. Describes District of Arkansas, strengthening defenses and some proposed work. Describes District of Texas, work halted due to lack of laborers and yellow fever. Report cut off here.

R. W. Woolly, Minden, LA, to M. Gen. Buckner, Alexandria, LA. November 14, 1864. ALS, 3 pp. [also envelope]

Humorous letter between friends. Woolly is ill; taking whiskey and morphia to calm his heart. Writes about a woman he met after leaving Shreveport and staying at a "Mr. Maples." Describes wooing her in military terms, but she is faithful to General Buckner. She describes Buckner and [J. N.] Galleher reading poetry to her. Said she would write to Buckner about her interaction with Woolly. He is hoping to leave the next day; has dispatched from [Kirby] Smith to Richmond. Asks Buckner to have some letters forwarded to him in Alexandria.

Folder 19: Civil War Papers, 1865

Brig. Gen'l. W. R. Briggs, H[ea]d Q[uarte]rs, T[rans] M[ississippi] Department, Shreveport, [LA] to Lt. Gen[era]l Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. February 10, 1865. Enclosure note, 1 p. [no enclosure currently present].

“Respectfully: rep[orte]d to Lt. Gen'l Buckner for his information. By order of Gen'l Smith. W. R. Briggs Brig. Gen Chf Staff.”

Mrs. Anoinette Roach, Shreveport, La., to Lieut. Gen[era]l Buckner, Headquarters, Natchitoches, La. April 10, 1865. ALS, 2 pp.

Mrs. Roach writes to ask for extension of furlough of husband, Benjamin H. Roach, Co. D., 6th La Dismt Cav., given that their house has just burned and she needs his help. Has her neighbors cosign her statement.

Maj. Gen. W. Preston, Houston [TX], to Lt. Gen[era]l Buckner, Shreveport, La. May 19, 1865. Note written in code; also potentially key on cloth. 2 sheets.

Jno. Pope, St. Louis, Mo., to E. Kirby Smith, Trans-Mississippi Department. April 19, 1865. AL [copy], 3 1/3 pp; 2 1/2 pp (2 copies of same).

Gives information on surrender of Robert E. Lee and Army of Virginia to U. S. Grant; informs Smith that similar negotiations are underway between William Sherman and Joseph Johnston in North Carolina. Pope offers same terms to Smith that were accepted by Lee. Describes how U. S. Army has enough forces to take over Smith's department, and that further bloodshed is unnecessary; Smith will preserve western Louisiana and Texas from the devastation that the rest of the South has seen. Urges Smith to accept terms.

Anonymous [E. Kirby Smith], Shreveport, LA, to John Pope, St. Louis, [MO]. May 9, 1865. AL, 1 p.

Unsigned copy of rejection of surrender by Smith to Pope.

F[ranklin?]. B. Sexton, New [Hope?], San Augustine, Tx, to General E. Kirby Smith, Shreveport, La. May 15, 1865. ALS, 3 1/2 pp.

Thanks General Smith for allowing him to go home to San Augustine. Feels people he passed through would make a good resistance in the Department. Hopes they won't submit without a struggle. Feels strongly that Confederates should not surrender the area. Believes that nothing they do will make things worse. Thinks Governor Allen is wrong to believe he has any influence on terms of surrender, nor does Col. Sprague.

J[ohn] Bankhead Magruder and J[ohn] G[eorge] Walker, Houston [TX], to General E. K. Smith, Shreveport [LA]. May 17, 1865. Copy of Telegram, 2 1/2 pp.

Magruder telegrams Smith regarding attempted desertion of 400 troops from Galveston. Men no longer want to resist; want to go home. “Nothing more can be done except to satisfy the soldiers, to induce them to preserve their organizations, and to send them in regiments to their homes with as little damage to the community as possible. For God's sake act or let me act.” Post Script by Walker agrees, “the troops of this district cannot be relied upon.”

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Gen[eral] [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram. 1 p.

“My escort has caught fifteen of the deserters from my command. Please send me authority to try these my by the Courts Marshal at my Hd Quarters at once as I want to make some examples.”

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Gen[eral] [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram. 1 p.

“On account of my trains being away cannot well leave before Saturday morning. Expect them on tomorrow. Have written fully by courier.”

A[lexander] W[atkins] Terrell, Marshall, [AR] to Lt. L. L. Conrad, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram, 2 pp.

“Your orders to send a squadron just forwarded to 7th Texas Cavalry by swift courier. He must go sixty five miles & the squadron return that distance. If it is needed for Gen'l Churchill's rear on Saturday a squadron from Collinsburg of Missouri Cavalry would cover in its approach the roads that deserters from the Arkansas Infantry would travel on would be a more certain reliance than the squadron ordered by me.”

R. W. Gray, Marshall, [AR] to Gen'l E. Kirby Smith, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

“Negotiations for coin at Houston failed. One hundred and fifty thousand at San Antonio and Brownsville. Requisition for pay of army will be met by drafts. Sooner made the better.”

J[ohn] B[ankhead] Magruder, Houston, [TX], to Lt. Gen'l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram, 2 pp.

“When will Genl Smith be here. His presence is required now the Result of Gov Allens negotiations should be speedily known here. The condition of the army requires it. Is Gov Allen negotiating with the enemy. I have arrangements to propose in reference to the army. Will you act in the absence of Gen[era]l Smith. Gov[ernor] [Pendleton] Murrah will await here the arrival of Genl Smith but says his presence here at the earliest moment is absolutely necessary.”

J[ohn] B[ankhead] Magruder, Houston, [TX], to Lt. Gen'l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 17, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

Confidential – Telegram of yesterday received permit me to make use of it prudently with the troops. I can do good with it.”

Envelope labeled “Private Papers – Gen'l Buckner”

J. N. Galleher, A. A. G., Natchitoches, [LA] to “My Dear General” [S. B. Buckner]. May 17, 1865. ALS, 4 pp.

“There is not a squadron, not a section of troops in the army of West La. Upon which Genl Hays can rely either for obedience to his orders or resistance to the common enemy. All control has been lost.” Goes on to describe general disorder and disobedience, desertion,

stealing of horses and mules in West Louisiana and Texas. "Submission to the enemy is less feared than the recklessness of our own troops, roaming at will, with arms in their hands, and desperate from the very nature of their situation."

J. N. Galleher, A. A. G. Official Copy of the Supplemental Articles [of surrender?]. No place. No date. AD, 1 p.

Official copy of the Supplemental Articles, the originals of which were signed by S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, for E[dmond] K[irby] Smith and P[eter] Jos[eph] Osterhaus, for E[ward]. R[ichard] S[prig] Canby. Troops and property surrendered would be turned over to commissioners appointed by the commander of the Division of the Missouri. Men and material of the Navy would be turned over to the Commissioners appointed by the Commander of the Mississippi and West Gulf Squadrons. Confederate guards would be used to protect property if there were not enough U.S. troops available; when U.S. troops came, the Confederate guards would be paroled.

Harry T. Hays, Natchitoches [LA] to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. May 17, 1865. ALS, 3 pp.

Hays writes confidentially that he can't move Bosworth's brigade. All government animals taken by deserters. "The 2nd Louisiana Cavalry alone remains as one organized body." He lost 500 men from his two brigades in a march to Mansfield; if he leaves, the rest will desert. He believes not a single organized company will cross the Texas line. "It is painfully mortifying to me to make this confession to you." Believes they must "obtain the best conditions possible" and consider the interests of the non-combatants. "I beg of you, my dear General, not to commit yourself to the leadership of any colonization society or set of men, until you have severed your connection with the Confederate army."

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, H. Q. Dept. Trans Miss., Shreveport [LA], to Maj. Gen'l. H[arry] T. Hays, Natchitoches, La. May 18, 1865. AL, 2 pp.

Copy. Buckner leaves to Hays's discretion whether to meet or discuss things with Governor Allen, and how to handle the situation in his district. Discusses how to handle conditions and terms for surrender to the Federal Government; General [E. Kirby] Smith will arrange. Buckner is authorizing Hays to propose them, and suggests he impresses upon the enemy how this will pacify the country without another battle and without foreign complications. "The present purpose of those who leave the country is to embrace the liberal interest in Mexico, not from any friendship to the U. S. government, but because it is believe to be our true policy."

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, H. Q. Dept. Trans Miss., Shreveport [LA], to Maj. Gen'l. [Harry T.] Hays, [Natchitoches, La.]. May 18, 1865. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Authorizes Hays to open negotiations with the enemy if the situation in his district demands it. Lists terms he wants Hays to propose, including: immediate immunity to all military persons and civilians for past acts, that soldiers and civilians may go to their homes or foreign countries without becoming POWs, with their arms and personal property, and shall be furnished transportation. Authorizes Hays to make propositions on the same basis for the entire Department. He cannot propose terms that are materially different, although he can differentiate between military and civilian terms, for the Department. He can accept whatever terms

necessary for his own district. "I regret the mortifying position in which circumstances have placed you. It is no fault of yours; and mortifying as is my own position, I yet can sympathize deeply with you." In a post script, Buckner allows Hays to not insist on the maintaining of all military ordinances, and requests that he stress that those Confederates leaving the country are not doing so with a hostile purpose to the U. S. government.

J. G. Walker, Houston, [TX] to Lt. Gen[eral] [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 18, 1865. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

"I have seen Gen[era]l Preston and approved your plans will cooperate heartily. Success however depends upon my retaining command of the Cavalry. Everything will fail without it. Answer me at this place by seven and half o'clock in the morning."

J[ohn] B[ankhead] Magruder, Houston, [TX], to Lt. Gen'l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 18, 1865. Telegram, 1 ½ pp.

"Gen[era]l Bee reports that Gen[era]l Walker declines to relinquish command of the cavalry notwithstanding your positive orders. Please send preempting[?] orders to him direct & copies to me. As the cavalry now reports to me it is exceedingly embarrassing. I delivered the order Gen[era]l Walker in person.

N. A. Brige[?], Jefferson, [?] to Col. John E. Gany[?], Shreveport, [LA]. May 18, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

"The officers at this post have concluded that the Gov[ernmen]t stores in warehouses at this post are in imminent danger. Nothing can be removed without the presence of one hundred reliable men."

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Lt. Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 19, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

"Gen[era]l, from what my Brigade Commander informs me I believe it to be my duty to tell you frankly that in moving south in the morning I will lose one half of my command. I have made camp[?] arrangements to move and will do so if I carry but one man."

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Lt. Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 19, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

"Maj[or] McMahan's Battalion of Artillery deserted last night carrying off all the horses and nearly all the mules and destroying ammunition and harness[?]."

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Lt. Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. May 19, 1865. Telegram, 1 p.

Gen[era]l will you suspend the order of my moving until I can go down & see you. If so I will leave on the train in the morning. Please answer immediately."

T[homas] J[ames] Churchill, Marshall, [AR] to Lt. Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. 11 o'clock PM, May 19, 1865. Telegram, 2 pp.

Gen[era]l I have just learned that nearly two Regiments of Gen[era]l McNairs Brigade has left en masse. Also three hundred & seventy of Gen[era]l Tappans Brigade. The other two

brigades I have not heard from yet. I will inform you in the morning. I'll go down to Shreveport in the morning to consult with you no order had been given to move the troops by announced that they would not move. Most of them took their guns."

J[ohn] Bankhead Magruder, Houston [TX], to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport, La. May 19, 1865. Handwritten copy of telegram, 1 p.

Describes mutiny spreading; he is going to face it. "Walker still refuses to obey your order," requests Walker's dismissal and the cavalry he was promised. Galveston will be abandoned and communication by sea cut off.

A[rthur] P. Bagby, Summer Grove [LA?], to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreve Port [LA]. May 20 [1865]. ALS, 2 pp.

Moving his family to safety, will return to Buckner as soon as possible. "The further west we go the more popular it will become."

A[rthur] P. Bagby, Summer Grove [LA?], to [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreve Port [LA]. May 20 [1865]. ALS, 3 pp.

Suggests moving quickly to Texas; will not get a wagon as all teamsters have deserted. Has 15 men upon whom he can rely. Missourians are unreliable, and General Parsons is not liked. "Strong efforts are being made to render you odious...for Gods sake let us get away from here...there are no further obligations of duty to the men who are depriving you of the means of escape from dangers." Conditions outside of Shreveport are terrible and he must leave at once. "You have so much to do that you have no time to think of yourself – Excuse me if I do it."

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, C. S. St[eame]r, Cotton, M[ou]th Red River, to Brig. Gen. J. L. Brent, Baton Rouge, La. May 23, 1865. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Buckner and Gen. Price hoped to meet Brent before he went to Baton Rouge. Requests that Brent make known to Gen. Canby Buckner's desire to meet him to discuss terms of surrender for the Trans Mississippi Department. Wants Gen. Rice to accompany him.

E. Kirby Smith, Huntsville, [AL?], to Lt. Gen. [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Shreveport [LA]. May 24, 1865. Copy of telegram made by D. W. C.[?]

"Hold together Mo. Arks. and La. troops if possible. Make no discharges until I can communicate with you from Houston, where I will learn the true state of things. I leave for Hempstead today. Endeavor to keep telegraphic communication open." Post script: "Dear Simon, I send above copy by stage coach thinking it might reach you before official telegram. God Bless you. D W. C."

E. Kirby Smith, Hempstead, Texas, to Gen. S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place [probably Shreveport, LA]. May 25, 1865. Copy of telegram made by D. W. C.[?]

"Just arrived. Texas troops all disbanded. Public property all seized. Galveston probably occupied by enemy this morning. No supplies for maintaining troops. Discharge them and send them to their homes. When shall I expect you? Will any troops accompany you? If H[ead] Q[uarters] have not left, start all who wish to come immediately, under escort if practicable –

otherwise they must protect themselves.” “Inform Gen’l [Douglas Hancock] Cooper, Comdr[?] of Indian Dep’t. of condition of things and advise him accordingly.”

Various authors, New Orleans, La. Petition. ANS, May 25, 1865.

Signed petition agreeing with the terms of capitulation by the Confederate Army to the United States, “believing them to be the best which can be secured and that farther resistance in the Trans-Miss. Dept. to the authority of the U. States is impracticable. Signators: John G[aw] Meem, Jr.; {J. H. Carlin?}; {W. Comas?} Sterling Price, R[oss] E. Burke; J. L. Brent; Alciviades De Blanc.

C. ? Christensen, Military Division of West Mississippi, New Orleans [LA], to Lieutenant General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place [probably New Orleans, LA]. May 26, 1865.

Steamer Hudson will leave New Orleans for Galveston, Texas, tomorrow; requests list of officers who will travel on it to obtain passes for them.

J. L. Brent, New Orleans, [LA], to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. May 27, 1865. ALS, 1 p.

Requests on behalf of his men that Buckner states to the Federal authorities that they cannot be responsible for the public property on the front lines; if it is lost or destroyed, they cannot be held accountable. Federal forces must immediately occupy Alexandria and the forts. Otherwise they cannot prevent what will happen.

H[arry] T. Hays, no place, to [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. Post Script of letter; rest of letter missing.

Flag of truce ship stopped there but left immediately under fear of being attacked, as it supposedly had cotton aboard. Learned from Alexandria that men volunteered to man forts with the understanding that they could stop any boats with cotton. Fears they will not let the “Hodge” pass through. Texas troops will not fight. “I am dangerously called upon to protect the interest of La. Do tell me...what has been done or what will be done. Something must be done at once.”

Powhatan Clarke, Ulster Plantation [near Boyce, LA], to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. June 1, 1865. ALS, 1 p.

Requests that Buckner’s boat pick him up on its way north to Shreveport. Gives instructions on how to contact him, suggests that it will take no time. Requests that Buckner stay with them at the plantation if he remains in LA.

Wm. H. Clapp, Headquarters Northern Division of Louisiana, Shreveport, La. General Orders, No. 21. June 4, 1865. Printed document.

Demands that looting and foraging must stop as war is over. Do not let poor actions reflect upon general good conduct during the war. Army must assist in restoring law and order and good feeling among the people. Must help inhabitants see that they are now friends, not enemies. Commanding officers held responsible for conduct of men. By command of Major General Herron.

Capt. W[illia]m C. C. Claiborne, Jr., Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department, Shreveport, LA, to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. June 4, 1865. ALS, 2 pp.

Explains situation – division of Major General Parson is here, maintaining order, as is Marmaduke's cavalry command, making a total of 6000 organized troops. Were informed Thursday last of surrender by Maj. Gen. Rice, trying to send troops home. Lost transportation and resources; have only 4 days of sustenance left with no way of getting more. Must parole the men immediately, as river level is also dropping. Requests that Buckner ask Federal authorities for rations and transportation for 5000 men. Men are restless.

Captain B. W. Marston, Head Quarters, Shreveport, [LA]. Report from the Indian Territory, to [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place [probably Shreveport, LA]. June 6, 1865. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Marston is just returned from Indian Territory and is ordered by General Cooper to see Buckner and received official information on the situation. Cooper has had no news. The Grand Council of the Six Allied Nations will be happening soon, and they need information before then.

Francis J. Herron, Headquarters, Northern Division of Louisiana, Shreveport, La., to S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Shreveport, [LA]. June 10, 1865. ALS, 2 pp.

Herron thanks Buckner for his "personal and official conduct during the transaction of the business we have just closed." Buckner has been of assistance to many in reference to the new situation. "If your advice is taken by the citizens and soldiers, we will have peace and quiet in this section of the country very soon." Thanks Buckner for kindness he and staff received.

S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Shreveport, La., to General [Francis J.] Herron, Shreveport, La. June 10, 1865. LS, 1 ½ pp. [letter not written in SBB's handwriting, but signed by him.]

Requests permission to carry out the remainder of his duties as E. Kirby Smith's Chief of Staff, in regard to the southern Texas section of the Department. Thanks Herron for his kindness to Buckner and staff. "If, in your future history, you should sustain a reverse of fortune like that which we who have been opposed to you have met with, I trust that you may meet, in your adversary, a gentleman who knows like yourself, how to alleviate, by the courtesies of the profession, the poignancy which attaches to failure in a cause which I have sincerely regarded as so just."

Letter: R. W. Wooley, Louisville, Ky.

To Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, New Orleans, Louisiana, 25 December 1865, ALS, 3 pages.

Letter deals with a legal dispute and its settlement.

Anonymous. Handwritten copy of newspaper article on terms of surrender. [1865]

Publish correspondence between E. Kirby Smith and Major General Pope of the U. S. Army. Smith refused Pope's demands, which would virtually make a prisoner of war a state prisoner. Could not have a home in any "loyal" state; not allowed to have a vocation. Federal government begins to understand they have no right to claim the army as prisoners of war "until they can catch them". Think the Federal government will propose to grant immunity for past

acts to officers, soldiers, and citizens, that the army will be disbanded, it will go home with arms. The Department Commander will not accept any other terms. [Similar to terms Buckner sent to Hays in letter May 18, 1865.]

J[ohn] B[ankhead]. Magruder and William Preston, no place [possibly Houston, TX], to unknown [probably Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place [probably Shreveport, LA]. No date [circa May/June 1865]. Copy of telegram.

“The army is in open mutiny. The time has come to act. I wish an order from department. H. Qrs to allow those who wish to do so to go home. Are [sic] those who wish to remain to be allowed to do so. Gen'l Preston is with me and he agrees with me fully. The troops are moving. For gods sake answer at once.” J. B. Magruder

“Honor may remedy these disorders force cannot.” Wm. Preston

India White, Wood Fall Plantation, near Simmesport, [LA], to Maj. Gen. [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, Alexandria, La. No date. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Requests that brother, Billopp White, be transferred to Collins' Scouts so that he can be near their home and help her manage the plantation. Buckner had previously given him a furlough to “go to Texas to see to our slaves”. He had been in Lee's Army until furloughed when elder brother fell.

Vie Logan, no place, to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. No date. ALS, 1 p.

Asks him to visit with the daughter of a friend, Miss Reeves, who would like to meet him if it would not interfere with his duties. Asks him to see her (Logan) before he goes West.

Anonymous, Headquarters, Military Division of the Gulf, Office Provost Marshal General, Official Business, to Lieut. Gen. S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, late C. S. A., New Orleans, La. No date. Envelope.

Note penciled on outside says “permit to travel” in SBB's handwriting.

Anonymous. [ca. April-May 1865]. no place. MN, 1pp. [Possibly in handwriting of Gen. Buckner or member of his staff.]

Brief notations related to Confederate military operations in the Trans-Mississippi Department circa April-May, 1865. Includes references to troop movements in Texas and the Indian Territory as well as the promotion of Gen. William Preston of Kentucky. Also refers to plans to publish Buckner's correspondence with Union General John Pope who offered terms of surrender in April, 1865.

Folder 20: Burnside to Buckner

Burn [Ambrose Burnside], Washington [D.C.] to Simon [Bolivar] [Buckner], no place. May 11, 1861. ALS, 2 pp.

Burnside writes to Buckner regarding his current position (at Washington with a regiment of 1200 infantrymen and light battery of six cannons). "I hope and pray to carry [them] home without firing a shot at any portion of my countrymen, but with the condition always, that the Government must be sustained." Friends speak of SBB kindly. Burnside writes about sending money to SBB and his in-laws, and describes his brother-in-law, Henry Kingsbury, who is drilling volunteers. Hopes to fulfill all of his payments to Buckner.

Includes 1 p transcript.

A[mbrose] E. Burnside, New York, to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chciago. July 10 [no year, possibly 1878]. Telegram, 1 p.

Asks SBB to forward papers to New York rather than Providence and sends instructions about when to draw (money?). Notes that he has been ill.

A[mbrose] E. Burnside, Greenbriar, White Sulpher Springs, W. Va. to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. July 24, 1878. Telegram, 1 p.

"Please come here at once if possible. Important. Mitchell please forward if Buckner absent. Answer."

Folder 21: Longstreet to Buckner

J[ames] Longstreet, Macon, MI to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA.
October 12, 1865. ALS, 1 pp.

 Informs Buckner that he is leaving for New Orleans on Wednesday and asks to meet with Buckner after his arrival.

James Longstreet, New Orleans, [LA], to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, [New Orleans, LA]. October 13, 1866. ALS, 1 p.

 Longstreet writes to Buckner agreeing to aid him as much as possible with the affairs of the Southern Hospital Association for disabled soldiers.

James Longstreet, Decatur, Ala., to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, Ky. July 29, 1872. ALS, 1 p. Also envelope.

 Longstreet writes to Buckner regarding a railroad that is opening between Decatur and Selina, Alabama, which is “under the control of Louisville Capitalists.” Wants confirmation from Buckner, and to know if he has any influence regarding whom they might choose as superintendent, as he would like the position. He would like to locate there, as he was appointed to West Point from that location.

James Longstreet, Washington, D.C. to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Rio, Hart County, Ky. January 13, 1902. ANS, 1 p. Includes envelope from Department of the Interior, Office of the Commissioner of Railroads.

 Believes he and Buckner are the only two survivors of “the grand conference on Missionary Ridge, with our late President and General Bragg in 1863.” Asks for Buckner’s recollections.

Folder 22: Simon Bolivar Buckner Correspondence, 1866-1867

A. Hivert, [France], to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. July 30, 1866. ALS, 4pp with envelope. [Written in French]

Paul Ravenes?, no place, to "Dear General," no place. August 8, 1864. ALS, 2 pp.

Saw General Sheridan and put in a few words for their friend's property. Sheridan's heart and affection were open for the widows and orphans, "if the care should ever come before him he would consider it kindly." Compliments Buckner on intelligence, believes he should have been a full general.

E. M. Lewis, Washington, DC to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. August 20, 1866. ALS, 8 pp.

Discusses the letter he wrote for the *[Daily] Crescent* newspaper, the possible removal of [Edwin W.] Stanton as the Secretary of War, and actions by President Johnson which are favorable to the South

Thor L. Rossen, no place, to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. August 22, 1866. ALS, 1 pp with envelope.

Informs Buckner that he is ready to serve him or his friends and will leave for Jackson, Mississippi this afternoon.

"Fairy Aide," Paris, France to General S[imon Bolivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. August 23, 1866. ALS, 10 pp with envelope.

Discusses his travels in France and England. Writes about various historical moments in English history and mentions the women he has encountered in Europe.

Delney H. Maury, St. Tammany Parish, LA to Gen[eral] Simon B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. August 30, 1866. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

Relates his failure to make his fortunes in Paris and asks for Buckner's help to get back his financial losses.

N[athan] B[edford] Forrest, Memphis, [TN] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. September 5, 1866. ALS, 1 pp. **[Photocopy of original]**

Request copies of orders Buckner made to him at Fort Donelson in order to compile a history of the cavalry of his command.

Alice R. Jennings, "Echo Dell," to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. September 20, 1866. ALS, 6 pp.

Speaks about the faults of men but relays her great happiness about a recent [unknown] marriage.

Mrs. Leonidas Polk [Frances Ann Deveraux Polk], Columbia, TN to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. September 21, 1866. ALS, 2 ½ pp with envelope.

Asks for Buckner to write an account of her husband's service in reply to [General Braxton] Bragg's Report on the Battle of Perryville.

Mrs. Leonidas Polk [Frances Ann Deveraux Polk], Columbia, TN to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. September 24, 1866. ALS, 2 ½ pp with envelope.

Inquires about Buckner writing an account of the Kentucky Campaign that he promised previously. [Almost identical to previous letter except for minor changes]

John C[Alvin] Brown, Pulaski, KY to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. October 3, 1866. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates information from General Polk that Buckner visited Pulaski but questions the information because Buckner is living in New Orleans. Requests for him to visit when he is back in Kentucky.

Beattie, Thibodaux, LA to Capt[ain] W. E. Hager, no place. October 6, 1866. ALS, 1 pp.
Recollects the Battle of Murfreesboro.

Sarah A. Dorsey, Lake St. Joseph, to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. October 16, 1866. ALS, 2 ½ pp with envelope.

Responds to Buckner's interest of her writing, particularly with Mark's Mill and informs him that she recently sent her work to the publisher.

Annie [S. Reardon], Little Rock, [AR] to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. October 22, 1866. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Discusses family matters and how she is disappointed that Buckner will not visit her this year.

W[illiam] J. Hardee, Selma, AL to W. H. H. Ware, New Orleans, LA. October 31, 1866. ALS, 2 pp.

Relates difficulties in securing the transportation of cotton.

D. A. Hill, Charlotte, NC to Gen[era]l [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. November 2, 1866. ALS, 1 pp with envelope.

Inquires about military papers that Buckner promised to send.

Belle Blackenan, Lake Providence, LA to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. November 5, 1866. ALS, 3 ½ pp with envelope.

Thanks Buckner for his recent correspondence and relates the well-being of family members.

T. L. Alexander, Chicago, IL to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. November 10, 1866. ALS, 3 ½ with envelope.

Seeks to rekindle their friendship which suffered over the past several years. Relates his encounters with mutual acquaintances and news that his youngest son recently died in Louisville. Discusses the issue of African American suffrage.

Annie [S. Reardon], Little Rock, [AR] to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. November 19, 1866. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Discusses Buckner's selection of a man for her to marry and debates the difference between flirting and coquetry.

Belle Blackenan, Lake Providence, LA to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. November 21, 1866. ALS, 3 pp with envelope.

Inquires about Captain Thurson and his move to Mexico. Relates information about her horseback riding habits.

B. D. Fry, Havana to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. November 21, 1866. ALS, 1 ½ pp with envelope.

Relates news of Confederates visiting Mexico.

Anna, London, to Shepherd [anonymous], no place. November 26, 1866. ALS, 4 pp.

Recounts her visits around London in poetic prose

E[dmund] Kirby Smith, Louisville, KY to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. November 26, 1866. ALS, 1 pp. **[Photocopy of original]**

Discusses of the illegal activity associated with the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad's [unknown] contract and asks for a clarification of which Louisiana state laws are being broken

Dabney H. Maury, St. Tammany Parish, LA to Gen[eral] Simon B[olivar] Buckner, no place. November 30, 1866. ALS, 1 pp.

Inquires about gaining the position as Superintendant for the National Express Company. Indicates that Buckner is a trustee of the company and has a decision in the appointments.

H. Marshall, no place, to anonymous, no place. [Received] December 3, 1866. ALS, 1 pp.

Offers his service to any general in need. [Portion missing from middle of the letter and possibly first page(s) missing]

Sam Barnett, Washington, DC to Rev. B[enjamin] M[organ] Palmer, N[ew] Orleans, LA. December 17, 1866. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

Relates the request from Mr. G Toombs to write to a New Orleans friend about sending a message to Hon. Robert Toombs indicating he stay in Cuba till he hears from his brother for safety reasons.

W[illia]m Preston [Johnson?], Lexington, [KY?] to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. December 22, 1866. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Informs Buckner about the outlook of Kentucky and describes the efforts, especially by ladies, to help the Southern poor.

B. D. Fry, Havana to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. December 25, 1866. ALS, 1 pp.

Recounts General Toombs' last correspondence from Paris that stated his intentions to travel to Cuba and promises to relay the contents of Buckner's last letter to Toombs' upon his arrival.

Jennie Buckner, Oakley Plantation [St. Francisville, LA?], to [unknown] cousin, no place. 1866. ALS, 3 ½ pp.

Writes about bad weather, recent visits from acquaintances and boredom of plantation life for a young woman.

Weceed Oley, Memphis, TN to W. E. Heeger, New Orleans, LA. January 20, 1867. ALS, 1 pp.

Discusses the arrival of [an unknown] form and the slow processing of the document because the form must be passed through several hands.

M. H. Callum, New Orleans, [LA] to Wm. M. DeGrove, Louisville, KY. January 27, 1867. ALS, 2 ½ pp.

Inquires about gaining the managership position for a New Orleans telegraph office. Provides references relating to his service with the Confederate railroads during the war and his current work clerking at Commercial Exchange.

Annie [S. Reardon], Little Rock, AR to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. January 30, 1867. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Relates familial news including her health, visits from family members, and Uncle John's struggle to make of for his losses which has prevented her from visiting Buckner.

Martin Grace, Terre Haute, IN to Gen[eral] Simon B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. February 4, 1867. ALS, 2 ½ pp with envelope.

Discusses of the commemoration of General Patrick Cleburne and the effort to raise funds to erect a memorial at the sight of his grave.

E[dmund] Kirby Smith, Louisville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. February 5, 1867. ALS, 1 pp. **[Photocopy of original]**

Informs Buckner of a letter from M. H. Callum discussing the business of the Merchant Exchange and Board of Brothers.

F. K. Howard, Balto(?) to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. February 6, 1867. ALS, 1 ½ pp with envelope.

Requests for Buckner to write to Col. Dimick about books that he has been holding belonging to Mr. Rice of Tennessee.

W[illiam]m Preston Johnston, Lexington, VA to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, LA. February 15, 1867. ALS, 4 pp with envelope.

Relates his acceptance of the position as Chair of History and Literature [at unnamed college] and speaks about his hopefulness for the future.

R. H. Smith Thompson, Vera Cruz, [Mexico] to General [Simon Bolivar Buckner?], no place. March 22, 1867. ALS, 1 ½ pp.

Discusses the French withdraw [from Mexico], his coffee business, and the restrictions [in Mexico] regarding writing about the country's politics.

A[lexander] W[atkins] Terrell, Houston, [TX] to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, no place. April 10, 1867. ALS, 6 pp.

Discusses the abundance of men struggling to find situations to restore their wealth, the shakeup in the Texas government since the war ended, and General [Phillip] Sheridan actions in Texas.

R[obert] H[all] Chilton, Columbus, GA to Sir [Simon Bolivar Buckner?], no place. April 11, 1867. ALS, 2 pp.

Informs Buckner of the misfortunes that have befallen General Samuel Cooper after the war and relates his disapproval of General Sheridan.

F. S. McMahon, Courtland, AL to Gen[era]l S[imon] B[oilvar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. May 12, 1867. ALS, 3 pp. **[Photocopy of original]**

Discusses General Beauregard's offer of the command of the French Army by Emperor Louis Napoleon. Inquires about getting a position within Beauregard's new army if a war starts between France and Prussia.

John Delee, Jackson, LA to General [Simon Bolivar] Buckner, no place. May 27, 1867. ALS, ½ pp.

Relates Buckner's election as Honorary Membership in the Union Literary Society of Centenary College.

B. D. Fry, Havana to General S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New Orleans, [LA]. May 28, 1867. ALS, 2 pp.

Suggests for Buckner to establish an agency of the Commercial Insurance Co. in Havana now that Buckner has become president of the company.

Sam, Sarasota, TX to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], no place. August 11, 1867. ALS, 4 pp.

Discusses the dismal state of the white man in the country and reports about the devaluation of bluegrass lands.

H. J. Raphael, no place to James Hewitt, no place. no date. ALS, 1 pp.

Relates his bad health since leaving the army and asks for a small loan of money for his wife. *Filed with 1866-1867 correspondence.*

Charlotte M. C., New York [NY], to Gen[eral Simon Bolivar Buckner], [New Orleans, LA]. March 21, [1866/1867?]. ALS, 4 pp.

Complains about his letter, suggests he will be going to hell if he doesn't mend his ways. No one from New Orleans writes back to her. Asks him to see Dr. Richardson [T. G.]

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Richardson?] and explain her situation, and comment on other mutual friends to whom she sends love. *Filed with correspondence of this date assuming Buckner was in New Orleans at the time.*

Seven unmatched envelopes. Filed with 1866-1867 correspondence.

Folder 23: William Brown to Buckner and Mary Kingsbury Buckner about Property

Wm [William] Brown, Waterbury, [CT] to Gen[eral] Simon Bolivar Buckner and Mary J[ane] K[ingsbury] Buckner, Louisville, KY. January 11, 1867. ALS, 3 ½ with envelope.

Discusses the sale of a piece of land partial owned by the Buckners to John C. Booth. Informs the Buckners that the sale papers need to be signed in court and possible back taxes are owed.

Wm [William] Brown, Waterbury, [CT] to Mary K[ingsbury] Buckner, Louisville, KY. February 21, 1870. ALS, 2 pp with envelope.

Writes in regards to checks sent from himself and John C Booth as payment for the sale of her land. Asks for Buckner's signature on the order to finish out the land purchase.

[William Brown], [Waterbury, CT] to [Mary Kingsbury Buckner], [Louisville, KY]. no date. ALS, 1 pp [possible sent with Brown letter from February 21, 1870].

Informs [Buckner] that he wrote to E. D. Griggs about paying her tax bills.

Wm [William Brown], no place, to Elizur D. Griggs, no place. no date. ALS, 1 pp [Attached to previous Brown letter].

Requests city and town tax bills from 1867 to 1868 for Mrs. Buckner's property in Waterbury, [CT] which he is purchasing.

E[lizur] D Griggs, New York, [NY] to William Brown, no place. February 19, 1870. ALS, 1 pp [Attached to previous Brown letter].

Informs Brown that Mrs. Buckner's tax bills can only be sent after permission is sent to his offices with specific tax bill order request.

Wm [William] Brown, no place, to Mary J[ane] Buckner, no place. no date. AD, 1 pp.

Details amounts paid to Buckner for the purchase of her land.

Folder 24: Lily Buckner Belknap to Simon Bolivar Buckner 1871-1881

Also includes letters from Mary Kingsbury Buckner as well and one letter from Lily addressed to Delia Claiborne Buckner (typed transcription only).

Pet [Lilly Buckner], Tallahassee, FL to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. March 9, 1871. ALS, 2 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Informs her father that her mother [Mary Buckner] experienced a hemorrhage and is now recovering. Reports that Pet is also sick.

Mary [Kingsbury Buckner], Tallahassee, FL to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], no place. March 15, 1871. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Discusses her recovery from an illness and Lily's upcoming travels.

Mary [Kingsbury Buckner], Tallahassee, FL to Simon [Bolivar Buckner], no place. March 27, 1871. ALS, 2 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Relates news about her health and complains about how the heat affects the food in Florida.

Pet [Lilly Buckner], New Orleans, LA to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Munfordville, KY. January 31, 1876. ALS, 6 pp with envelope with one page typed transcription.

Write about a ball the Shutes want to hold and inquires about the news in Louisville.

Pet [Lilly Buckner], Munfordville, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. September 27, 1878. ALS, 4 pp [incomplete] with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Discusses the marriage proposal she received from Cousin Perry.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Glenlily, KY to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. October 8, [1878?]. ALS, 8 pp with envelope and 1 ½ page typed transcription.

Writes to urge her father to reply to letters concerning Cousin Perry's proposal to her. Discusses the county fair, the expense of Maggie [L. Morehead], and Mr. Claiborne's death.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Glenlily, KY to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. December 7, [1878?]. ALS, 3 pp.

Expresses disappointment that her father did not come home for Thanksgiving but hope he will make it back by Christmas. Mentions Maggie [L. Morehead]'s well-being and Lond's recent letter from Louisville.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Louisville, [KY] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New York, NY. February 6, 1879. ALS .6 pp with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Writes about her visit in Louisville promoted by Cousin Eliza's death. Informs her father that she wrote to Maggie [L. Morehead] and hopes her father is not mad for speaking for him in the letter.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Louisville, [KY] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, New York, NY. June 25, 1879. ALS, 6 pp with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Informs her father of her travel plans. Relates news that Emily is sick and urges her father to write to Cousin Aylett to find another cook till Emily recovers. Discusses the attention gentlemen have given her, in particular Mr. Belknap.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Russellville, [KY] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Chicago, IL. January 27, 1881. ALS, 4 pp with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Thanks her father for dresses and states her disregard for returning to their relatives at Glenlily.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Russellville, [KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. February 1, [1881?]. ALS, 8 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Relates affection from various family members. Vents her frustrations with Cousin Aylett B. Took and refuses to live under the same roof as him at Glenlily.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Russellville, [KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. February 7, 1881. ALS, 6 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Asks permission for removing her effect from the farm [Glenlily] and about taking a position as either a governess or companion. Describes church fire at local Methodist Church.

Pet [Lily Buckner], [Russellville, KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. [February 10, 1881?]. ALS, 3 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Writes about forwarding her father a sealed letter from Aunt Mary [Buckner Tooke].

Pet [Lily Buckner], Louisville, [KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. [June 1881?]. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page transcription.

Describes receiving numerous invitations for social events and her recent shopping trip.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Louisville, KY to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. June 14, 1881. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Forwards messages from acquaintances and sends her love to Gen[eral] [Ambrose] Burnside. Writes how Mr. [Morris] Belknap did not speak with her at a recent party.

Pet [Lily Buckner], [Glenlily, KY?], to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], [Chicago, IL?]. March 4, [1882?]. ALS, 6 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Discusses her time in Louisville and her journey down [to Glenlily?].

Pet [Lily Buckner], [Hart Co., KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], [Chicago, IL?]. March 23, [1882?]. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcription and partial photocopy.

Informs her father that she is slightly ill and asks for his summer plans in hope that a trip will get her out of Hart Co.

Pet [Lily Buckner], Louisville, [KY] to Papa [Simon Bolivar Buckner], no place. May 1, 1883. ALS, 4 pp with 1 page typed transcription.

Wishes her father to come home and writes that the house is ready for him.

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Pet [Lily Buckner Belknap], [Louisville, KY?] to Gen[eral] S[imon] B[olivar] Buckner, Louisville, [KY]. October 3, 1883. ALS, 4 pp with envelope and 1 page typed transcription.

Relates the news that she will not be able to travel with her father because she is sick as well as Morris [her husband]. Sends flowers for the casket and sympathy to the boys [at the death of Mary Buckner Tooke, her aunt].