

I am very glad to hear that you can not infer  
materially from the land work you have found thro' &  
must think like that your Major's Goli's commission  
may have reached you ere this day, & that your desire  
to be in the country may at last be gratified.  
As Mr. Stollen desires me to express his thanks for your  
kind remembrance of her, & to send her kind regards,  
I have remembrance me most kindly to Goli's Sherman & Grant -  
give my respects to Gen Logan

And believe me having your friend

Geo W Cullen

I thinking that that you will write to me often,  
for your letters are most interesting to me, & are full  
with my only means of getting at the true state of military  
affairs in the West.

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Orange New Jersey  
July 1 1864

My dear Colonel

Your most welcome letter of  
the 15th ulto reached me yesterday.  
I need not assure you that I  
have read it with intense interest,  
for it has given me the first clear  
& distinct idea I have formed of  
the operations it describes.  
Before Grant took command I was  
so fortunate as to have a long  
conversation with an officer of  
Riversmont's Staff who gave me a  
full account of the unfortunate  
battle of Chickamauga & the subsequent  
condition of the Army. I confess that  
for some time I was very anxious  
for its report, for it appeared to  
me that if Bragg displayed upon

... the so far of us Sam? How splendid your writing  
men can estimate Sherman's misfortune! I feel as proud  
of it as if it had been done by my own old army  
of the Potomac. Now I can't help regretting the unhappy  
arrange which you mention, & admit to change position  
Sherman from obtaining the full results of his glorious  
conduct. I fear that he felt a little like Perry when  
he learned all the circumstances of the case!  
I hope Grant will be able to follow up his success with  
too much delay - but I fully apprehend from past experience  
the difficulties of bad roads & want of supplies, so that  
I should not be at all surprised if Grant found him-  
self far from his present position. If it is possible  
to man, I know he will go ahead, but if with late  
a long time to accumulate a sufficient amount of supplies.

and acting the best result to be  
anticipated was the evacuation of  
Chattanooga, while some further  
success to the Army of the Cumberland  
was clearly on the cards. I feared  
that Bragg would not allow the  
conformity to reach Chattanooga -  
and I confess that I do not see  
why he did - I believe he had  
some reason to have joined us  
himself in the communications of  
the Army of the Cumberland.  
I thought it very doubtful whether  
Sherman would be allowed to  
join unopposed. What seems to  
have been Bragg's idea in detaching  
Longstreet when he did? Is there  
any good reason for the movement,  
at the time, apparent to you on  
the ground, which is not clear to

Wd 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist of Ky

Lexington July 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon E. M. Stanton

Secy of War

Washington D.C.

Sir

Br Col J. W. Hammonds A. A. Genl has  
under orders from the war Dept had Com<sup>d</sup>  
of the Draft Rendezvous Louisville Ky.  
When Morgan made the raids into Ky and  
the authorities at Louisville were alarmed  
Col Hammonds retained the negroes whom  
he had been forwarding to Nashville,  
telegraphed to Washington for approval &  
drilled armed & equipped the men at once  
obtaining the endorsement of Genl Thomas  
Adj't Genl of his action. The Regt thus  
formed is well drilled, disciplined &  
efficient & about to take the field.

Col Hammond has in this matter displayed so much industry activity & intelligence that I am anxious to have his assistance in the organization & equipment of the Colored troops in Ky & for that purpose have the honor to request that he be appointed Brig Genl of Vols & ordered to report to me for that special duty. He has already been rec'd for Brig Genl of Vols by Maj Genl Blair, Genl Logan & By Genl Sherman & Genl Grant for Col of Cavalry in the Regular Army. I have known him a long time & served with him from the first attack on Vicksburg through the Campaign to the capture of the place - & at Arkansas Post & Jackson so that I feel confident of his ability

of the man to fill the position

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt Servt

S. G. Burbridge

Brevet Major Genl

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Copy  
Head Quarters Armies of the United States,  
City Point, Va. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1864.

His Excellency  
A. Lincoln,  
President of the United States.

Sir:

Maj. J. H. Hammond, A. A. Gen. I have known from almost the first commencement of the war. He is one of the most industrious, indefatigable and bravest men I have ever seen in action. He has been engaged in command of the Draft Rendezvous at Louisville, Ky. and has been more or less instrumental in bringing into the service three regiments of colored troops in that state. Maj. Hammond is now willing, and I suppose anxious, to take command of that kind of troops now in Ky. or to take them anywhere their services may be required. I do not hesitate to most cordially recom-

mend him for such command with the rank of Brig. Gen. expressly given to command colored troops.

I believe Maj. Hammond would bring a Brigade or Division of Colored troops or any other, troops, into a state of discipline and drill as quick as any officer of my acquaintance. There is no officer I would sooner trust with them in action, and especially would I recommend him as a watchful vigilant officer in command of an outpost.

I sincerely hope this appointment can and will be made.

I have the honor,

Very respectfully,

Your obt. svt.

U. S. Grant  
Lt. Gen.

Endorsement on the foregoing letter:

I submit this high recommendation  
by Gen. Grant of Maj. Hammond, to the  
special consideration of the Sec. of War.  
A. Lincoln.

July 19, 1864.

A true copy of letter and endorsement:

W. Parker.

Asst. Adjutant General.

A. G. Office, D.

October 13, 1863.

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July 19. 1864

Head Quarters, Cavalry Corps M. D. M.,

Gravelly Springs, Ala. Feb. 3<sup>d</sup> 1865.

~~Brig. Gen. E. D. [unclear],~~  
a. a. g., U. S. Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Brevet Brig. General J. H. Hammond, U. S. V., for gallant and meritorious conduct during the recent campaign of Genl Thomas against General Hood, be assigned to duty by his brevet rank, to date from the 25 of November, the date of his assignment to the command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 7<sup>th</sup> Division Cavalry Corps, M. D. M.

It is but justice to this gallant and zealous officer, to say that he has acquitted himself in the most creditable manner,

in leading and reducing to discipline  
and good order, a brigade entirely  
untutored when he took command  
of it. Hoping that his services  
may meet with their merited reward,

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt.

(Signed) J. H. Wilson.

Col. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Coudy.

Endorsement on the foregoing:

Head Quarters Department of the Cumberland,  
Eastport, Miss. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> /65.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant  
General of the Army, recommended.

(Signed) Geo. H. Thomas

Maj. Gen. U.S.A.,

Five copies of letter and endorsement: Coudy.

Adjutant General.

War Department, Adj. Affairs  
June 14, 1883.

Hammond

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Ad Lts 1st Brig 7th Division

Cavalry Corps

Gravelly Springs Ala Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Hon Henry Wilson

Washington  
D.C

Dr Sir

Maj Gen Wilson desired me in a conversation to day, to endeavor to interest you in the Cavalry Branch of the service in the West.

Under his command it is rapidly assuming shape & character. The numerous detached bodies scattered far & wide, too many to lose, too few to effect any thing, are by him being drawn together & put in a shape to be moved & wielded with facility. The strength of our Cavalry acting as it always should, on the offensive, is in its might & its movement rapidly in large bodies. Hitherto this has all been wasted, each Post com 'd or petty Head of a district doing his share towards sapping our strength, by surrounding himself with an escort & crowd

of orderlies & hangers on. This abuse under Gen Wilsons vigorous measures is disappearing, & organization is now apparent.

The first fruits are in the glorious campaign in which Hood & Forrest have been so signally defeated & driven out of Tennessee.

The cavalry did its full share in the last 30 days, and everything from that on.

Our greatest difficulty is in obtaining the services of young, vigorous, & zealous General Officers. Looking forward hopefully to you & a few others for measures which will rid the service of the many who do no duty save something easy in and around the cities; Gen Wilson asks me to join him in an appeal to you, to urge the appointment of those who are recommended through the regular channels, for real ability and services rendered. There are officers, now Colonels comd'g Brigades, who are day by day earning their way upward & developing their capacity for command. These men will presently, many do now, claim notice.

There is one case now in which it is especially

desirable that a friend of the army in a situation of power, should feel an interest. This is of Lt Col A. J. Alexander. A General 1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps. It is reported that he has been promoted Brig Gen & as he was recommended for the benefit of the Cavalry, it is especially desirable that he should be confirmed. He is really needed. Out of six brigades of Cavalry now here, five are commanded by Colonels. Alexander is of the regular Army, Cavalry Regt, and a very able man. Hence the anxiety for his confirmation.

There are many things my Sir for that I am sure you feel an interest in & in the furthering of which, you could help greatly our common cause. It is a pity indeed, that you who really can help the young vigorous men in the field, & who feel an interest in what we do, should be harassed & tract by so many cares. I need scarcely tell you Sir, that we all look to you earnestly, the head of the Military Committee to protect our interests, & see that those who fight for justice, get it. If I can place the Cavalry Corps before you as it is rapidly becoming, I will feel assured

that our claims will not be entirely  
lost sight of

Hoping to secure for my comrades  
a share of the great kindness you have  
always extended to me

I am Sir

Very sincerely  
and friendly

W. Hammond  
Brigadier General

Head-Quarters Department of the Cumberland,

Nashville Tenn Feby 16<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Senator Wilson,  
Washington D.C.

I learn that strong influences are about to be used to prevent the confirmation of Col Brig Genl J H Hammond, whose name is now before the Senate. General Hammond is one of the most energetic, intelligent and faithful young officers in the service, and I should regret exceedingly if he should lose his confirmation in consequence of private political opposition.

Signed Geo H Thomas  
Maj Genl USA.

Official copy of telegram furnished Col Brig Genl J H Hammond Louisville Ky for his information.

Samuel R. Francis  
Asst Adjt Genl,

Charleston. S.C. August 12<sup>th</sup> 1867

To the Adjutant General  
U.S. Army  
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I desire to recommend Brigadier  
General J. H. Hammond for promotion to the  
rank of Major General of Volunteers by brevet,  
for gallant and meritorious services at the  
battle of Nashville, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and  
for distinguished gallantry at the Hollow Tree  
gap, and in the night affair at the West Harpeth  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1864. General Hammond was  
recommended for promotion to the full grade  
of Brigadier General after the termination  
of this Campaign. For full particulars of  
his service while under my Command I  
respectfully refer you to my official report  
dated February 1<sup>st</sup> 1865, and desire to say further  
that no officer with whom I am acquainted be-  
= haveed himself with more credit or greater  
gallantry. He has well earned the promotion

for which he is recommended, and I venture  
to hope will receive it even at this late day.

I am Sir:

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

J. H. Wilson

Lieut. Col. 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Bt. Major General U. S. A.

Davenport Iowa

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

J. A. Wilson  
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Recommends

J. Hammond for  
Bot May Genl Vols

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Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

St. Louis, Nov. 17, 1868.

Genl J. H. Hammond,

Chicago.

Dear Hammond,

I have your letter of Nov. 15, and am glad Brown is so well cared for. Dwyer has written for the Redfern to Walker, who has had him for the past two years. — if he don't answer, I will send to John Reber at Lancaster.

I would rather keep clear of these political applications. Hammond has already applied to me, and I find it very convenient to say, that I have not made any

applications or endorsements.

Make your application plain and direct, and have it filed. I know Grant will not see one of them till his Cabinet is appointed, and then only by way of appeal when the Cabinet office changes with the appointment is in doubt.

All well at home and send love to you and the family.

Yours,  
W. Sherman

W. T. Sherman

St Louis

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1868

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