Commission.

Office U. S. Christian Commission,
No. 11 Bank Street.
Philadelphia. 1865.

To Officers of the Army and Navy of the United States, and others:

The U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, organized by a convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the loyal States, to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare and improvement of the men of the Army and Navy, acting under the approbation and command of the President, the Secretaries of the Army and the Navy, the Postmaster-General, the Surgeon-General, and of the Generals in command, have appointed

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A Delegate, to act in accordance with instructions furnished him/her, under direction of the proper officers, in furtherance of the objects of the Commission.

His services will be rendered in behalf of the Commission, without remuneration from or expense to the Government.

His work will be that of distributing stores where needed, in hospitals and camps; circulating good reading matter among soldiers and sailors; visiting the sick and wounded to instill, comfort, and cheer them, and aid them in correspondence with their friends at home; aiding Surgeons on the battle-field and elsewhere, in the care and conveyance of the wounded to hospitals; helping (by relief and influence) the good of the men under their care; and addressing soldiers and sailors, individually and collectively, in explanation of the work of the Commission and its delegates, and for their personal instruction and benefit, temporal and eternal.

He is strictly enjoined, if with our forces when a battle is approaching, passing, or passed, to abstain from reporting any thing on the subject not sanctioned by the commanding officer, and in general strictly to observe all Army and Navy regulations, and abstain from extolling reflections upon the authorities, military, medical and clerical.

All possible facilities, and all due courtesies are asked for him, in the proper performance of any or all of these duties.

[Signature]
Chairman U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

Issued at: ________________________________
this __________________ day of: ________________________________

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Secretary of:
GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

To President Lincoln.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, December 2, 1861.

Mr. President:-

In my letter of the 12th inst., and in the letter which I have since received from you, you have expressed a desire to have me join your administration in the affairs of your country. I have been long a member of the Republican party, and I feel that I have a duty to perform in this great hour of our country's needs. I cannot but feel that I have a mission to perform, and I am willing to do everything in my power to aid in the work of rebuilding the nation.

I am ready to submit to your will, and I am ready to accept the position you offer me, with the hope that I may be of service to the country.

Your humble servant,

[Signature]

From the Secretary of War.


Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed you to the position of Secretary of War. The appointment is subject to the Senate's confirmation, and I am now intrusted with the execution of your duties.

I hope to be able to do my best to serve the country, and I endeavor to carry out your wishes and recommendations.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

From the General Staff.


My dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed me to the position of Secretary of War. I am now intrusted with the execution of your duties, and I hope to be able to do my best to serve the country.

I am willing to carry out your wishes and recommendations, and I endeavor to do my best to fulfill my duties.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

QUALIFICATIONS AND PLEDGE.

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