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HEAD-QUARTERS DEPT. OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Nashville, July 27, 1863

My Dear General.

I desire to introduce to your favorable consideration Mrs M. E. Payne of this place. By direction of the General Commanding I have carefully reexamined the cases of Mrs Payne and her sister Mrs Hyde - The former though not a prisoner, has been somewhat abridged of the liberties granted to ladies of undoubted loyalty - in consequence of her sympathy with the south. Mrs Hyde has been confined for two months in Allen Prison on charge of having carried intelligence through the lines to the enemy. The result of this reexamination has been that Mrs Hyde has been released and allowed to return to this place on ~~taking~~ her parole of oath - I am satisfied in regard to Mrs Payne that she is a lady of the strictest honor and integrity - & will religiously abide by any

~~Condition~~ conditions imposed on her. You may feel entirely safe in granting her any privileges consistent with the interests of the service — Any kindness you may be able to show her will be highly appreciated by her & will greatly oblige

Your Obt Servt

J. A. Garfield

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