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John A. Rawlins
Brig Genl & Asa Genl

Returns communication of L Kaufman and others with reference to their stores in commercial Hotel block. and approves the endorsement of Maj Genl Hurlbut. thereon

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Respectfully returned and action of Maj. Genl. Hurlbut approved

By order of Maj. Genl. Grant

Jno. A. Rawlins

Brig. Genl. & A. A. A. Genl.

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Head Tro 16th A. Corps

Bn. Gen'l Jno. A Rawlins
A.A.G.

Sept 10. 1863

This Communication is respectfully forwarded to Maj. Genl. Grant. Some time since at the request of the Naval Officer, A.L.M. Eddy by order of Maj Genl Grant assigned to their use for Hospital purposes the Commercial Hotel. It was selected by Surgeon Mickney U.S.N. and these Stores below were Expressly stated not to be required. Since that time application has been made for the Stores but disallowed by me & that disallowance approved by Maj Genl Grant. Rear Admiral Porter in my judgment has no right to give such an order as is pretended & if he wants the buildings must negotiate with these men who are loyal. I shall not permit this order to be Executed until I hear from you

S A Hurlbut Maj Genl

Jas. B. Rutter & Co.
No. 27 S. Second Street,
Philadelphia.

Memphis Tenn Sept 10th 1863

Major Genl. S. A. Hurlbut
Commanding 16th Army Corps.

The undersigned loyal Citizens of the United States - and business men doing business in houses Nos. 57 = 63 Front Row in this City were on the 9th inst verbally notified by Dr Beauchamp and Lieut Whetmore claiming to be acting under verbal orders from Admiral Porter to vacate their Stores by the 20th inst so that they might be used for Hospital purposes for which we are satisfied that they are not needed -

Having heretofore experienced the liberality and sense of justice both of you and Major Genl Grant in relation to this matter and feeling satisfied that there is no more necessity for our being dispossessed of our Stores now than there has been heretofore we confidently appeal to you for protection against the enforcement of the above verbal order. and commit our rights and interests in the premises to your candor and sense of right feeling that they are safe in your hands

63 Front Row L. Kaufman
62 " D. Mack.
61 " A Brand.
60 " M Bloom
58 " Sol Hecht & Co
57 Brooks & Ruby