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The records in the cases of Cole, Davis, Good, Glover, and Lamb are respectfully returned to Maj. Genl. Shulter.

Sentences extending to loss of life, require the confirmation of the General Commanding the Army to which the Brigade or Division commanded by the officer who ordered the Court belongs. The same law applies to cases tried by Military Commissions, or to those tried by Courts Martial. The endorsement in the case of Wade Good was a clerical error and has been corrected.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant,

Holt
Judge Advocate General.

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Head-Quarters 16th Army Corps,

MEMPHIS, TENN., 6th Nov. 1863.

Colonel Joseph Holt
Judge Advocate General
U. S. Army
Colonel -

I have the honor to transmit herewith the proceedings of a Military Commission which convened at Memphis Tenn., pursuant to orders from Head Quarters District of Memphis, and of which Major John P. Hall, 54th Illinois Inf. Vols., was President, in the cases of the following named persons, to wit:

John J. Glover, alias "Jake", a man of color
David Lamb, alias "Dave", a man of color.

These parties, having been

sentenced by the Commission to Death by hanging, the proceedings are respectfully forwarded to your office for final action by the President.

I have the honor to be, Colonel,
Your obedient servant

S A Hurlbut
Major General
comdg. 16th Army Corps

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Head-Quarters 16th Army Corps,

MEMPHIS, TENN., 6th Nov. 1863.

Colonel Joseph Holt,
Judge Advocate General
U. S. Army
Colonel —

I have received from your office the proceedings of a Military Commission convened at Columbus Ky., in pursuance of orders from these Head quarters, in the following named cases, to wit:

Abram Cole, a negro,
Joseph Davis, a negro,

returned to me with your endorsement calling my attention to Genl. Orders No. 111, War Dept. Dec. 30. 1861.

I cannot find in that order

any reference whatever to Military Commissions, or cases tried by them.

I have received also from your office the proceedings of the Commission above named in the case of

Trade Good, a negro,

returned to me with your endorsement stating that "the commutation of the sentence was unauthorized, and is therefore inoperative".

In this case however the sentence was not commuted, but was confirmed. It appears probable that a clerical error has been made in this case.

I therefore respectfully forward to your office the three cases above named, requesting further and more explicit instructions.

I have the honor to be,

Colonel,

Your obdt. servt.

S. A. Hurlbut

Major General

Comdg. 16th Corps