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Encloses blank permit given to Morris and Tillyett pursuant to orders

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Hd. Qrs. Dept. of the Cumbld.
Chattanooga, Dec. 9/63

Respectfully referred to Lt. Col. Wm. Morris Provost Marshal General for explanation

By command of
Maj. Genl. Thomas
Wm. D. Whipple
A. A. General

SR

Hd Qrs. Dept. of the Cumbld.
Office Pro. Mar. Genl.
Chattanooga Dec 13/63

Respectfully returned, calling attention to enclosed statement of Mr Bourne who has been acting as Chief Clerk in my office since the 9th of Oct. 1863. For the past six months shipments of liquors and mess supplies for officers from Louisville or Nashville could only be obtained upon special permits from Dept. Hd. Qrs.

The day previous to Capt. Br. ok. departure for Nashville

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he applied to me for two blank permits, one for the purpose of shipping a small supply of liquor and the other for mess supplies, all intended for the use of his mess -

The reasons he stated for making the request to have them signed in blank, were that he did not know whom he would be able to obtain the liquor or articles from, or in whose care he would send them - Mr Bourne identified the enclosed permit as one of the two furnished Capt. Brooke, and I would respectfully request that this be referred to the Captain for Explanation

This is the only case in which I have given my Signature to a blank permit during my entire administration as Com. Mar. Genl. of the Dept. which commenced with its existance - I did this from the high regard I had for the Captain, and courtesy to a fellow Staff Officer, with whom I had been with pleasure associated since last February

Wm. Wm. Wiles
Lieut Col & Com. Mar. Genl.

Head Quarters U. S. Forces

Nashville Tenn December 6" 1863.

Brig General Whipple

A. A. G. Dept Cumberland

General

I have the honor to enclose herewith the blank permit given to Morris and Lellyett pursuant to your orders.

I have the honor General to be

Your Obedient Servant

R Brannan

Brig Genl Comdg.

Hd. Qrs. Chf. of Cavy. Milty
Div. of the Mississippi
Nashville Dec. 22/63.
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Smith W. L. Brig. Gen.

Has seen copy of Col. Truesdail letter to his son, stating that Col. Wiles P.M.G. rec.d $5000. from Forsyth & Co for certain permits - Post Chaplain at Nashville had the copy.

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Rec.d Hd. Qrs. D.G. Dec - 1863.

Hd. Qrs. Chief of Cavalry Div of the Miss
Nashville Dec 22d 1863

Maj. Genl. Geo. H. Thomas
Comdg Dpmnt of the Cumberland

Sir

A copy of a letter written by Col. Truesdail to his son has been shown me, which contains the statement that Col. Wiles Provost Marshal had received Five Thousand Dollars from Forsyth & Co. of this city for certain permits. The copy of the letter is in the hands of the post chaplain of Nashville.

Very Respectfully Your Most Obt Svt
Wm Sooy Smith Brig Gen
Ch of Cav Div of the Miss

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Nashville Dec 20/63

Brooke, Hunter Capt
Judge Advocate D.C.

States that Col. Wiles gave him, when he left Chattanooga, two blank permits, signed - One to be used to ship mess supplies to Lt. Burt A.A. I.G. and one for his own benefit - Meeting Temple Clark in Nashville, he gave him the "Permits" upon his promise to procure the articles. It is ascertained that one of the "Permits" has been fraudulently filled up to ship 200 bbls whiskey from Louisville to Chattanooga. States that he called on Mr Clark who confessed the fraud. He writes this to Col. Wiles, acknowledging his carlessness, and with a desire to free the Col, from any unpleasant position in which he may have been placed by the transaction.

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Recd O.P.M.G. - D.C. Dec. 23/63

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Office Pro. Mar. Gen.
Dept of the Cumberland
Chattanooga Dec. 22/63.

Respectfully forwarded for the information of the General Commanding Department.

Wm M. Wiles
Lt Col. & Pro. M. Gen.

Nashville Dec 28th /63

Capt Hunter Brook has read the within statement to me and I am personally cognizant of the fact that the interview spoken of within was held at the room of Temple Clark at the City Hotel in this City —

The rehersal of the interview set forth in this communication is true and correct in every particular —

Capt Brook spoke feelingly and earnestly of the violation of confidence reposed

The guilt was acknowledged without explanation of any satisfactory nature or in fact without any explanation whatsoever by me

Clark

C. M. Goodwin
Capt na S M Gene
D.C.

Head-Quarters Department of the Cumberland,
OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

December 20th 1863

Lt. Col. Wiles -
Pro. Marshal General. -

I feel it my duty to report to you, that I have unintentionally done you a great injury, and as I suppose the matter either has or will be reported to Head Quarters, you are at liberty to use this communication in any way you may think proper. - The Statement is this. - You gave me when I left Chattanooga in perfect confidence as an Officer upon the Staff with you, two blank permits, to bring down certain goods for my own use, and for the use of Lt. H. S. Burt, of our Staff. - Those permits were given in that way because I expected to send Lt. Burt by Express or Private Messenger, and bring my own Myself. - I came here and being busy with other matters, gave the permits to Ex-Capt. Temple Clark, a resigned Officer of our Army, who had held high position in the Army, - who had the Confidence of many officers of high rank, and whose Character I believed to be as pure as an officer should be.

he helping my business here and better able than myself to make the purchase.—

The promise he gave me, was that he would save me the trouble of purchasing the goods myself and arrange Lt. Burt's purchase (for which I paid him $39.50.) and forward it. — The other permit was to be filled by goods for myself for which I expected and was prepared to pay. — The matter escaped my attention for several days, being pressed with more important business and Mr. Clark left the City for Huntsville without repeating his action to me.

Within a few hours I have discovered that he has falsely and recklessly compromised both you and myself by filling up one of those permits with a shipment of (200) Two hundred barrels of Whiskey to be shipped from Louisville to Nashville for his use and benefit. — This he took to General R. S. Granger for his approval, and of course the scandalous operation was seen, refused, and reported, as I am informed by Gen. Granger in person, to Head Quarters. — Upon hearing of it I called with Capt. Goodwin your Assistant P. M. G. (as a witness) upon Mr. Temple Clark and he confessed the miserable fraud. —

I desire to plead guilty to a carelessness of your position in this matter, and am prepared to suffer for it if necessary, but this, or any other effort that I can make, shall be cheerfully made, at any sacrifice of mine to protect a fellow Staff Officer in whose integrity I have ever had the highest confidence and who has never compromised himself except by kindness & courtesy.

Yours very respectfully
Hunter Brooke
Capt. & Adj Judge Advocate D. C.

Chattanooga Dec 9 63

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Provost Mar General Dept.

Wilks Wm M. P. M. G. D.C.

Requests a statement of the conversation between Capt Hunter Brooke A.A.G. D.C. and himself and Nov 22 63 the date upon which two blank permits were furnished Capt B.

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Office Pro. Mar Genl

Dept of the Cumbld.

Chattanooga Dec 9th 1863

Lt. Col. Wm M Wiles -
Pro. Mar Genl.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request I have the honor to state that during the day previous to the date of Capt. Brooke's departure you called me into your room.

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Capt. Brooke was sitting with you and you seemed to be discussing the necessity of his having a special permit to enable him to ship or bring articles for his own use from Nashville. You finally decided that it would do no harm at any rate, and directed me to bring a blank. While you were signing it he remarked that perhaps he had better have two, signed in blank, for he didn't know exactly what he wanted to bring. I then brought another and, by your direction, dated them both, - the object of dating them being to have the word "Chattanooga" appear -

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I cannot detail the Conversation, but I know that the understanding was that the permits were to be used in shipping whiskey and mess supplies for himself and mess. and I remember the circumstance the more perfectly from the fact of its being entirely without precedent, during my previous connection with the Office.

I never knew you to sign a blank "Permit" before nor since, and supposed at the time that it was simply a matter of Courtesy toward a fellow Staff Officer.

I remain, Colonel,

Very truly,

Your obt. servant

Geo. S. Bourne

Chf. Clerk.

F. W.

Head-Quarters Department of the Cumberland,

Chattanooga Dec. 9th 1863.

Mr. George S. Bourne

Co B. 21st Wis. Vols.

Chief Clerk Pro. M. Genl

Dear Sir – Please make a written statement of the conversation between Capt. Hunter Brooke Judge Advocate Department of the Cumberland, and myself, on Nov. 22d 1863, the date upon which two blank permits were furnished him, and as you understood, the reason they were thus furnished. Also state if you know of another instance of the kind since you have been connected with the office.

Wm M. Wiles

Lt Col. & Pro. M. Gen.

K S Morris and John Lillyett only
consented to receive, or have any
thing to do with the within after
the approval of Gen. Granger, to
whom Lillyett presented the same
for his approval.

J. Lillyett

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HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL,

Chattanooga Nov 22d 1863.

K. [illegible] & John [illegible]

have ~~Has~~ permission to ship the articles mentioned below,

From Cincinnati or Louisville

To Nashville Tennessee

Treasury regulations being complied with, and the shipment not interfering with government transportation.

Two Hundred (200) Barrels Whisky provided not more than one hundred (100) Barrels are shipped during any one month

Thomas

By command of Major General ~~Rosecrans.~~

Wm M. Hiles

Lieut. Col. and Pro. Mar. General