

Letter of M. L. Morris, Quartermaster

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF REV. O. E. DAGGETT, D.D.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR:—That so young a State as Iowa has a Historical Society is noticeable, but the sooner such operations are begun, the better. I was much pleased with that of Wisconsin, where I was, at Madison, in May, 1862. Though only eight years old, it had already done, what could not so well be done later, for the State, besides having some things of interest in all similar collections.

I enclose you two specimens from my Colonial and Continental money, for your Historical Society. See the motto of the latter.

Yours, sincerely,

O. E. DAGGETT.

Rev. S. S. HOWE, Librarian, etc.

[The Colonial Scrip, above mentioned, is of Connecticut Colony, dated: "Hartford, June 19, A. D. 1776," for "Two Shillings and Six Pence." The Continental is inscribed: The "United Colonies, Two Dollars," dated at Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1776. The motto above noted is on the design, which represents a hand threshing with a flail sheaves on a barn floor, with the Latin superscription *Tribulatio Ditat*, or threshing enriches, a very significant emblem for an agricultural country. These specimens are in an excellent state of preservation, considering that they are about eighty-six years old.—EDITOR.]

LETTER OF M. L. MORRIS, QUARTERMASTER.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, HOUSTON, MO. }
 January 17th, 1863. }

Hon. J. F. Lee, President of the Curators of the State Hist. Society:

SIR,—I send you, by the hands of the Rev. Mr. Stiles, an ambrotype likeness of one of the most notorious desperadoes in the South-west. His name is W. A. Depriest. He was taken prisoner on Christmas day, by Capt. Reed of our Brigade. He is a fair specimen of the kind of animals we have to fight in Missouri. Give him a conspicuous place in your portrait gallery.

Yours, respectfully,

M. L. MORRIS.

[The portrait described above, by Mr. Morris, late Quartermaster in the army, bears this designation: "W. A. Depriest, a Guerrilla Chief of Mis-

souri." He has a very unmilitary cap, coat and shirt, with no vest, and a face unshaven; altogether, a loafer or rowdy-looking character. But he is said to have had a liberal education at Princeton, N. J., from which he turned aside to this irregular warfare against the Union. His portrait is surrounded by a highly respectable group of Union men, Gen. Dodge, Gen. Tuttle and Gen. Herron, with the portraits of the late Col. Dewey, of Maj. Love, of Lieut.-Col. Small and others, enough to keep good watch and ward over the rebel Chief.—EDITOR.]

[It is proper to say that the writer below, is now promoted to be MAJOR GENERAL, and is in command of the South-western Division of the Union forces. The flag presented herewith, is a large bunting, Secession banner, with nine stars, and constitutes one of the finest military trophies in the cabinet of the Society. It was accompanied with an elegant portrait of the successful young Major General, whose gallant troops dashed into Van Buren and captured it.—EDITOR.]

LETTER OF GENERAL HERRON.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 9, 1863.

Gov. S. J. Kirkwood:

DEAR SIR,—With this, I send you a rebel flag captured by my troops, at Van Buren, Arkansas, in December last. This identical flag was floating on the court-house in that place, one year ago, while I was there, held as a prisoner of war; and, of course, it gave me considerable pleasure to take possession of it. Will you please pass it over to the State Historical Society, with my compliments, and oblige,

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

F. J. HERRON, Brig. Gen'l.

LETTER OF LIEUT. COL. JOHN SHANE.

[The following letter accompanied the presentation of a valuable work, published in London, A. D., 1722, making it one hundred and forty-one years

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