

Letter of Lieut. Col. John Shane

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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

old. It is in good English type, well bound, in two large folio volumes; and is one of the richest trophies of the war.—EDITOR.]

LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA., March 15, 1863.

Hon. S. J. Kirkwood:

DEAR SIR—I send you, by Major Wilson, for the State Historical Society, “a copy of Domat’s Civil Law,” not only a very rare, but a very valuable work. And, what adds very much to its value as a curiosity, it is one hundred and forty [one] years old; and was found by me, amongst the ruins of the deserted and abandoned library of Gen. Edward Sparrow of Louisiana, who is now a member of the rebel Confederate Senate. Please present the books to the State Historical Society; and, with them, my best wishes for its success.

I remain very respectfully yours,

JOHN SHANE,

Lieut. Col. Commanding the 13th Iowa Infantry.

LETTER OF THOS. J. JONES, CHIEF ENGINEER, U. S. N.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 17, 1863.

To the President of the State Historical Society of Iowa:

SIR:—You will be pleased to accept, for the State Historical Society of Iowa, some curiosities I gathered on the coast of Africa from the natives, during a cruise in the U. S. S. Sumter.

To Hon. Charles Mason of Burlington, I am indebted for the knowledge of your Institution. And should what I have sent by Express be of any value, please acknowledge the same to him, since he is my regular correspondent. Mean while, should you desire a collection I may make, in my future journeyings and travels, he will inform me; and I shall ever be pleased to gather what I can for your State.

Being, as I am a citizen of Iowa, with my father interred on the banks of the beautiful Des Moines, I have more than an interest in Iowa, while I remember, with pride, the third dwelling erected in your city; and I now recall, with pleasure, my associations

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