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LETTER OF MAJOR HEATH.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, March 7, 1863.

*Hon. Saml. J. Kirkwood, Governor of Iowa :*

DEAR SIR:—I send you this day, per Express, a Federal Flag entrusted to me, by Maj. Gen. Curtis, to deliver to you.

This weather beaten, torn standard was the Division Banner of Maj. Gen. Curtis Army in the South, a year since. It was the flag raised over the rebel city of Helena, after the noble army had caused the mongrel "stars and bars" to be torn down. It there met the greetings of loyal Southerners, who before had dared not express a sentiment of loyalty to the Union, whose symbol it there was. This grand old flag has witnessed many a daring act of heroism; its stars have looked down upon glorious victories, and lighted up the dark corner of secessiondom, to a halo of patriotism; its ample folds have waved over a gallant army, led by an honored Iowa Chief, and it now goes to mark, as an historical relic, the fact that Iowa's sons have thus far done their duty toward restoring the honor of our Fathers.

Respectfully your obedient servant.

H. H. HEATH, Maj. 7th Iowa Cav.

The foregoing letter, and the flag described, came duly to hand, and it has a conspicuous place in the cabinet, unfurled across the end of the Historical Society Hall.—[EDITOR.

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