

Thomas C. Stevens correspondence

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These letters, telegrams, and other business and political/military correspondence involve Thomas C. Stevens or Governor Thomas Carney. Carney and Stevens had opened the first wholesale house in Leavenworth together in the spring of 1858. This collection contains many of Governor Carney's personal papers, not found in his administration records collection. In two letters, dated September 3, 1863, Major General John McAllister Schofield, commander of the Department of the Missouri for the Union Army, writes to Governor Carney accepting the services of the Kansas militia to help protect border towns. He also announces his intentions to "publish an order prohibiting all armed men, not in the service of the United States from passing the Missouri line." This correspondence also includes a number of telegrams that Governor Carney received from various individuals. Thomas Ewing Jr., commander of the District of the Border, wrote to Carney on August 27, 1863 asking him to use his influence to prevent a raid into Missouri in retaliation for Quantrill's Raid. Samuel R. Curtis, commander of the Army of the Border, wrote to Carney on June 7, 1864 reporting on bushwhackers and hostile Indians.

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Apr. 18, 1864

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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

To *Mr. Sefate* By *Telegraph* from *Clath*
Apr 18 1864 Rec'd *M.*

*I can do nothing all is with Fennison
with that ~~for~~ proker I could do him
some good Hoyt thinks we have been
throwing off on him It is reported
that Stratton & Burgess are against
the Fraud what does it mean for Gods
sake keep me posted See Fennison
Scott will be in Leavenworth tomorrow*

DL

Harry



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To *Mr. Carney* By *Telegraph*, from *Clatskanie* *Kans*
April 18 1864 *Rec'd* *M.*

*Mr Scott is elected. If you wish me
to have his proxy it must be through
Col Jennings influence Show Mc Donnell
& Legate*

B. McBride

Paid



May 8, 1864 ✓
The American Telegraph Company.
PRINTING AND MORSE LINES.

DIRECT TO ALL STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH PROVINCES.

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CAMBRIDGE LIVINGSTON, Sec'y.

145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

E. S. SANFORD, Pres't.

145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

ad Dated *Leavenworth* *7* 1864.
Rec'd, Washington, *May 8* 1864, *o'clock,* *min.* M.

For. Thos. Carney
care W.R. Dale
Nt. Arc

I have & muster on
his Lt. Col. Commission
the 16th in full
reply at once
A.R. Banks

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Apr. 25, 1864

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To Gen Canby By Telegraph, from H. T. Lammuth
Apr 25 1864 Rec'd M.

Col Phillips informs me by telegraph of the 21st that a force about 200 strong crossed Arkansas. He fears to attack Kansas. It is supposed to be Quantrill. Please notify militia officers in the Southern portion of this State. Col Phillips has sent a force after the Rebels.

S. R. Curtis



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To Geo Wos Carey By Telegraph, from Washington
Apl 30 1864 Rec'd M.
Do you think it advisable to proceed
to adapt in the deficient Subdistricts
of your States so that all of them
shall thus be made to fill the quotas
heretofore assigned Please answer
by Telegraph
OK Jas B Fry
smg



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May 14, 1864

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Terms and Conditions on which this and all Messages are received by this Company.

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CAMBRIDGE LIVINGSTON, Sec'y, 145 BROADWAY, N. Y. E. S. SANFORD, Pres't,

23⁰⁰ Dated Leavenworth May 14 1864.

Rec'd, Washington, 1864, o'clock, min. M.

To For Hvs Carney

They are driving you. Coffin starts manday with Refugas-Fuller, Stettaner, Lane, Wiler are telegraphing daily - Coffin says his orders are imperative, He is ^{as} anxious ^{as} the balance to go. I can do nothing to delay or prevent it J. C. Collins

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June 1, 1864

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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

To *Thos Carney* By Telegraph, from *H Scott*
Gov of Kansas June 1 1864 Rec'd. > P M.

You will confer a great
 favor on the members of Company
 A Sixth Kansas by not commissioning
 any one as 1st Lieut of my Co until
 the 15th of June when a
 statement of their choice will be
 laid before you
 Thomas Crooks
 Capt Co A
 4056175 Ad



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c/34 Curtis, S. D.

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To Gov Carney

By Telegraph, from W. L. S.

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1864

Rec'd M.

*Col Phelps telegraphs as follows
Indian Brigade at Fort Leavenworth 23 April
was sent Curtis Sir I already sent
you 2 telegrams to day & I think
that Quantrell was going to Kansas
he had gone up on Grand River &
by night marches I sent several*

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To _____ By Telegraph, from _____ 186 . Rec'd _____ M.

Small Columns I had only infantry
to meet him at Daybreak on Prices
Creek It has rained hard for 2
days the rivers are rising Adams who
had 325 men had been driven from
Illinois River above ~~Englewood~~
Tuloga & has gone east seeing
himself about to be taken between

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To _____ By Telegraph, from _____ 186 . Rec'd _____ M.

the Rivers quartette crossed the
Verdigris & Arkansas by a forced
march last night the rivers are
up this morning my Scouts will
on his trail at day break twenty (20)
miles south west across Arkansas
River again I have a force over there
under Capt Rayburn that may meet
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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

To _____ By Telegraph, from _____ 186 . Rec'd _____ M.

him suffering here for the
train Respectfully

(Sif)

W a Phillips

Col Donny

From this I infer the rebels have
fallen back to south side of the
Arkansas I had used that the

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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

To _____

By Telegraph, from _____

186 . Rec'd M.

Indian ~~Indians~~ brigade should be
mounted but it is taken out of
my command

S R Curtis
maj genl

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June 6, 1864

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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

Gov Carney || *By Telegraph, from Mound City*
June 6 1864. Rec'd 10.15 a.m.

*I am ordered by Genl M. T. Hays
to lead three hundred (300) Militia
in readiness for active service
I have no commission not have
any of my company officers
I have written Hoeliday on the
subject often but get no answer*



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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't, Cincinnati, O.

By Telegraph, from

Wm. 1864 Rec'd M.

will you see to the matter
so that if I must go into the
field I can go in under some
organization the muster rolls of
my regiment I forwarded to the
adjutant Gen's office 6 months
ago

J. D. Snoddy
Lt Col



2/24, Curtis, S. R.

June 7, 1864

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GEO. T. WILLIAMS, Supt., Saint Louis, Mo.

CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't. Cincinnati, O.

*To His Excy Geo Carney By Telegraph, from Ft Seavenworth
June 7 1864 Rec'd 10 30 A.M.*

I am authorized to issue one hundred thousand (100,000) arms & two hundred thousand (200,000) rounds ammunition and have a promise that this may be modified so as to allow forty (40) rounds to every militia man who is armed and ready for duty



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To _____ By Telegraph, from _____
_____ June 1864 Rec'd _____ M.

Bushwhackers are east & south of
us and hostile thieving Indians west
but with great vigilance on the part
of federal & state troops we may
protect the settlements

S. R. Curtis
Major Genl



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CHAS. DAVENPORT, Pres't. Cincinnati, O.

To Gov. H. C. Carey By Telegraph, from Mound City
June 9 1864 Rec'd 2:30 P. M.
Are you or are you
not going to answer my
telegram of the sixth Inst
J. S. Snoddy
St. Coe



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145 BROADWAY, N. Y. 145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

Dated *New York* 9 1864.

Rec'd, Washington, 1864, o'clock, min. M.

To *Gov. Cass*

I am committed to C
Chesbrough & can go for
no one else

S C Pomroy

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