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John W. Phelps papers,
Phelps, J. W. 1813-1885.

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Personal Author : Phelps, J. W. (John Wolcott), 1813-1885.

Title : John W. Phelps papers, 1835-1884.

Physical Description : .25 linear feet.

Summary :

This collection consists of 180 items, primarily letters written to John W. Phelps, from 1835 to 1884. Many of these letters relate to Phelps' military career, beginning from his time as a cadet at West Point and culminating with his resignation from the U.S. Army in 1862. Several documents specifically mention events and conditions in the Seminole War and the Mexican War, including some correspondence from 1848 that alludes to failed attempts by Phelps to publish his journal kept during the Mexican War. A number of letters and reports from the early 1850s also include information about conditions in Texas and on the Mexican border. However, there are fewer documents related to Phelps' 1857-1858 Mormon Expedition service. Letters from 1861 to September 1862 relate directly to events taking place during John W. Phelps' Civil War service. Much of the later correspondence is focused on either politics or Phelps' literary and scholarly endeavors. None of the letters appear to allude to Phelps' 1880 presidential candidacy. The seller's inventory, prepared in 1925, describing the 180 documents in this collection, is available in folder 0.

Biographical or historical data :

John Wolcott Phelps (1813-1885) was born in Guilford, Vermont, to John and Lucy Lovell Phelps on November 3, 1813. He was appointed to West Point on July 1, 1832, graduating in 1836. His military career prior to the Civil War included service in the Creek and Seminole Wars, the Mexican War, and the Mormon Expedition or Utah War of 1857-1858. In 1859, Phelps resigned from the U. S. Army and settled in Brattleboro, Vermont.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Phelps was appointed Colonel of the 1st Vermont Infantry. On May 27 1861, he was promoted to brigadier general. He served under Major General Benjamin F. Butler in the Gulf of Mexico, where his regiment took military possession of Ship Island, Mississippi. His troops also provided support to Commodore David Farragut's fleet in April 1862. and fought in the Battle of Forts Jackson and St. Philip. General Phelps was then stationed at Camp Parapet in Carrollton, just outside of New Orleans. While there, General Phelps organized fugitive slaves arriving at the camp into companies before formally requesting arms for these men from his commanding officer, General Butler. However, Butler told Phelps to put them to work as laborers cutting down trees around the camp instead. General Phelps refused and offered his resignation to first General Butler and later Abraham Lincoln in August 1862.

Phelps returned to Brattleboro following his military service. In 1883, he married Anna Bardwell Davis and the couple returned to his hometown of Guilford, Vermont. Phelps served as president of the Vermont Teacher's Association between 1865 and 1885 and wrote several books, eventually gaining a reputation as a scholar. In 1880, Phelps was the presidential candidate of the American Party (or Anti-Masonic Party). His ticket received only 1,045 votes nationwide. His campaign platform included ideas such as prohibition of alcohol and secret lodges, as well as justice for Native Americans, use of the Bible as a required school text, and the end of the electoral college.

Personal Subject : Phelps, J. W. (John Wolcott), 1813-1885.
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Phelps family.

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Guilford (Vt.) Social life and customs.
Texas History.
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PAPERS OF JOHN W. PHELPS

1830-39

By Rev. Silas M. Rogers, A.M.

Our Phelps, who was in Guilford born,
Great General whom ^{on} name can scorn,
A Soldier of the Grecian type,
In morals and in learning ripe:
Most bravely fought at Mexico,
Aveng'd our wrongs there long ago;
And there he saw our Eagle rise,
Well pais'd in Montezuma's skies,
With beak and plumage most complete,
And grasp our foes within his feet:
Thus teaching them to pay the Debt,
For which he had his talons whet,
Torn the liver from many sides,
Rent each man from his loving bride,
And laid him down in dust to sleep,
Where over him his friends do weep.
When war rose up with might and main,
Which would at Home our Banner stain;
There then was Phelps upon the Field,
The cause of Truth he would not yield.
Long he stov'd to obtain this end,
The Black man should himself defend:
He show'd Wisdom beyond the age
When he appear'd upon the stage.
To it all conformed at last,
Before the clasing die was cast;
And marshal'd Afric's sable train,
To Plead their cause upon the plain.
In all matters, he would be just,
And with his hand break up the crust,
Which covers up a Secret Wrong,
Too foul to mingle in our song!
Bring Flowers to deck Him while alive,
And on his grave may they there thrive;
And mark the Place where he shall lay
Until the Resurrection Day.
May 30, 1874.

1. LEWIS P. W. BALCH. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Georgetown, March 1, 1835. To J. W. Phelps, then a cadet at West Point. Concerning the death of his sister Lucy Lovell Phelps.
2. REGIMENTAL ORDERS transferring Lt. J. W. Phelps to Company "H", 4th Artillery, signed by the Adjutant, John Pickell, dated at Camp near Fort Taylor, Jan. 6, 1838. 1 p. 4to.
3. J. S. DOUGLAS. A.L.S. 3 pp. 4to. Hamilton (N.Y.) Dec. 17, 1838. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, at Fort Mellon, East Florida, Describing the cave at Schoharie, requesting an exchange of marine, botanical and geological specimens, and giving him local news.
4. SIX DOCUMENTS, signed by Lt. J. W. Phelps, Capt. Harvey Brown, and Ass't Surgeon D. C. DeLeon, relating to supplies for the troops at Fort New Smyrna, East Florida for February 1839.
5. THOMAS JEFFERSON SMITH. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Washington, June 12, 1839. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Saying he cannot render him any assistance. (in securing promotion) since with the Federals he "stands no more chance than a stump't tail bull in mosquitoe time".
6. SAMUEL FERRY. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Fort Taylor, Feb. 5, no year. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. On an incident in the Seminole War.

PAPERS OF JOHN W. PHELPS
1840-49

7. DR. D. C. DELEON, Army Surgeon. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. Fort Griffin, on Appalachicola River, West Florida, Feb. 7, 1840. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, at Detroit. The Doctor does not care for the Florida climate and writes an interesting letter concerning it and military and social affairs.
8. SAMUEL FERRY. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. New York, Jan. 16, 1841. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Ferry has left the Army and is in newspaper work and asks Phelps to contribute to his paper.
9. THOMAS P. GRIFFITH (?). A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Baltimore, Oct. 16, 1841. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, at Old Point Comfort. Asking his support in obtaining the post of Sutler to the troops at Pensacola, where Phelps has been ordered.
10. LT. JOHN O'BRIEN. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Monroe, Va. July 30, 1844. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, at Carlisle Barracks, (Penna.). Asking him to make application to be relieved at Carlisle before October since O'Brien is ordered to succeed him and wishes for "strong private reasons" to go as soon as possible.
11. CAPT. BENJAMIN HUGER. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Monroe, Oct. 5, 1844. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, concerning improvements in artillery gun sights.

12. CAPT. J. M. WASHINGTON. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Carlisle Barracks, Dec. 3, 1844. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. On gun pointers and an Army squabble involving Col. Payne.
13. SAMUEL S. PHELPS, U.S. Senator from Vermont. A.L.S., 2 pp. City of Washington, Jan. 6, 1845. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Saying he has but little influence with the Tyler Administration but will do all he can to aid him to secure promotion.
14. JAMES EAKIN, Assistant Auditor of the Treasury. L.S., 1 p. 4to. To Lt. J. W. Phelps, on official business.
15. C. DIMMOCK. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Armory, Richmond, May 27, 1845. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Enclosing a statement concerning Robert Henry, a private in the Army and telling the news of the Post.
16. J. M. GORDON. A.L.S. 1 p. 4to. Baltimore, Nov. 17, 1845. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Introducing friends and giving news that "John Bull may perhaps afford us an opportunity of some movements of troops in the course of another year, whereby Old Point (Comfort) may lose some part of its monotony...."
17. COPY (in Phelps's hand) OF EXTRACT OF GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR'S ORDERS No. 68. Metamoras. July 29, 1846.
18. W. W. BLISS, Gen. Zachary Taylor's Adjutant, A.D.S., 2 pp. 4to. Headquarters, Sept. 9, 1846. Orders No. 114. Directing courtmartial of Lt. G. W. Ayers, of the 3rd Artillery. Lt. J. W. Phelps was Judge Advocate.
19. A. VAN BUREN, PAYMASTER. A.D.S., 1 p. 4to. Monterey, Oct. 23, 1846. Receipt to Lt. J. W. Phelps for money, the proceeds of the sale of the effects of Private William Tracy, deceased.
20. ELEVEN DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ORDINANCE USED IN THE MEXICAN WAR. Various dates and places. Signed by Lt. Phelps, Capt. Winder, Capt. Huger, and Lt. Benjamin.
21. LT. JULIUS P. GARESCHE. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Camasso, Jan. 5, 1849. To Lt. Phelps. Concerning Army news especially Gen. Scott's arrival and his displeasure at not finding the troops concentrated at Monterey.
22. A. VAN BUREN, PAYMASTER. D.S., 1 p. 4to. Puebla, Aug. 4, 1847. Receipt to Lt. Phelps for money, proceeds of the sale of the effects of Alpheus Hockenburry, deceased.
23. WEST POINT CIRCULAR LETTER asking biographical details of its graduates. Aug. 10, 1847.
24. A. VAN BUREN, PAYMASTER. D.S., 1 p. 4to. Receipt in re Calvin Johnson, deceased.

25. JUDSON BENJAMIN. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Newton Centre, Mass. Nov. 7, 1847. To Major J. L. Gardner, 4th Artillery, Mexico. Asking information concerning the death of his brother Lt. C. Benjamin who fell at the City of Mexico.
26. LETTER IN SPANISH, 3 pp. 4to. Signed S.A.T., dated Mexico City, Jan. 19, 1848. To Lt. Phelps.
27. LT. D. N. COUCH. D.S., 1 p. 4to. Vera Cruz, July 7, 1848. Receipt to Lt. Phelps for the money belonging to the Company Fund of Co. H, 4th Artillery.
28. DOCUMENT showing the strength of the 4th Artillery on its return from Mexico to Fort Monroe in August 1848.
29. THREE LETTERS, 2 A.L.S. of Lt. J. S. Hatheway, concerning purchase of horses in Mexico. Hatheway's letters are dated Governor's Island, Aug. 17 & 27, 1848.
30. COPY, IN PHELP'S HAND, OF SEC'Y OF WAR, William L. Marcy's, letter to General Zachary Taylor concerning measures to prevent raids into Mexico. Dated, Washington, August 30, 1848.
31. THREE LETTERS OF G. P. PUTNAM AND JOHN WILEY, Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 21, 1848, all declining to publish Phelps Journal kept during the Mexican War.
32. HOUGHTON & CO. per L. W. Greenleaf. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. New York, Sept. 28, 1848. Business letter.
33. CAPT. FRED A. SMITH. L.S., 1 p. 4to. Washington, D.C. Oct., 11, 1848. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Acknowledging receipt of his request for transfer to the staff at West Point.
34. LT. J. V. McCOWN. A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo. Camp Ringgold, Texas. April, 9, 1849. To Lt. J. W. Phelps. Concerning his losses from cholera, the Indian depredations, and other Army news.
35. LT. R. H. HOWARD. A.D.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort McRae, Florida, May 7, 1849. Receipt to Lt. Phelps for the Company fund of Company A, 4th Artillery.
36. LT. J. V. McCOWN. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Ringgold. May 17, 1849. To Lt. Phelps. Concerning the death of Capt. Deas following which he hopes Phelps may secure command of the Company.

PAPERS OF JOHN W. PHELPS

1850-59

37. LT. J. S. GARLAND. D.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Chokkamikla, Florida, April 6, 1850. Concerning the Estate of Thomas Burke, a soldier in the Mexican War.

38. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Fort Brown, Texas. May 22, 1850. To Capt. J. W. Phelps. Giving detailed information of the Company to which Phelps has been assigned.
39. LT. JOHN GIBBONS. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. Fort Brown, Texas. July 22, 1850. To Capt. J. W. Phelps. A sequel to the above letter but with greater detail of local Army news.
40. JAMES S. THAYER. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. New York, Dec. 7, 1850. To Capt. J. W. Phelps. Promising him all assistance in securing promotion.
41. MEMORANDA in Phelps's hand of General Orders and Instructions concerning Artillery. 2 pp. 4to.
42. COPY IN PHELPS'S HAND OF GEN. TWIGGS'S LETTER giving instructions to prevent Raids into Mexico. April 1851.
43. COPY OF ADJUTANT GENERAL THOMAS'S LETTER, of May 6, 1851, concerning the Quarter Master of the 4th Artillery, at Fort Brown, Texas.
44. ORDERS NO. 25, Fort Brown, Texas, May 13, 1851. Concerning court-martial.
45. COPY OF DR. H. S. STENNECKE'S LETTER concerning the injury of Peter A. Henseler, received at Chepultepc and for which he was discharged from the Army.
46. LETTER IN SPANISH TO CAPTAIN PHELPS. Dated Toluca, June 27, 1851.
47. PETER A HENSELER. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Lancaster, Pa. Aug. 30, 1851. Letter from a disabled Mexican War veteran.
48. MAJOR BENJAMIN HUGER. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Fort Monroe, Sept. 14, 1851. On the case of Gen. Talcott in which Huger became involved, much to his own discomfort.
49. COPY IN PHELPS' AUTOGRAPH OF DEPARTMENTAL ORDERS, dated Indianola, Sept. 16, 1851. 4 pp. 4to. On Army affairs in Texas.
50. COPY IN PHELPS' AUTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT FILLMORE'S LETTER OF SEPT. 22, 1851 to Gen. P. F. Smith, concerning armed raids into Mexico. 2 pp. 4to.
51. COPY OF A CIRCULAR LETTER dated Fort Columbus, Oct. 10, 1851. to Col. J. L. Gardner, on the training of the artillery.
52. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Brown, Tex. Oct. 18, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. Reporting the discovery and position of the camp of the Insurrectionists in Mexico.
53. CAPTAIN PHELPS' REPORT OF THE INSURRECTION ON THE LOWER RIO GRANDE. A.L.S., 23 pp. 4to. Fort Brown, Nov. 6, 1851. To Col. W. S. Bliss, Ass't Adj. Gen'l. A very interesting and detailed report of Mexican border troubles.

54. LT. W. S. PATTERSON. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Brazos, Santiago. Nov. 3, 1851. To Major W. W. Chapman. Reporting the desertion of several soldiers who have stolen one of his boats "The Drum" and escaped to Mexico.
55. CAPT. J. M. MORGAN. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Baton Rouge Arsenal, Nov. 7, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. On furnishing his officers swords.
56. MAJOR G. PORTER OF THE 4th ARTILLERY. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Columbus, Nov. 19, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. On army matters.
57. ADJ. GEN'L. R. JONES. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Washington, Nov. 28, 1851. To Gen. Twiggs. Commending Capt. Phelps' actions and services at Fort Brown.
58. N. DE LA POSTILLA. A.L.S., in Spanish. 1 p. 4to. Nov. 28, 1851. To Capt. Phelps.
59. MAJOR J. H. LA MOTTE. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Ringgold Barracks, Tex. Nov. 29, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. On army affairs.
60. CAPT. M. KNOWLTON. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Burlington, Nov. 30, 1851. To Capt. Phelps.
61. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. Ringgold Barracks, Dec. 8, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. A very interesting letter on Mexican Revolutionists.
62. ANOTHER LETTER OF LT. GIBBON dated Dec. 14, 1851. On the same subject.
63. COPY IN PHELPS' HAND OF EXTRACTS OF GENERAL ORDERS relating to the Mexican Border. 3 pp. 4to. Dated San Antonio, Dec. 22, 1851.
64. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L. 4 pp. incomplete. Camp Drum, Tex. Dec. 29, 1851. To Capt. Phelps. Concerning articles he has published respecting Capt. Phelps actions in Texas.
65. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Camp Drum, Tex. Jan. 6, 1852. To Capt. Phelps. On the activities of the Mexican revolutionists.
66. GEORGE DEAS, ASS'T ADJ. GEN'L. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. San Antonio, Feb. 10, 1852. To Capt. Phelps. On army affairs.
67. COPY IN PHELPS' AUTOGRAPH OF EXTRACTS OF GENERAL ORDERS. 10 pp. 4to. San Antonio, June 15, 1852.
68. S. COOPER, ADJ. GEN'L OF THE ARMY. L.S., 1 p. 4to. Washington, Jan. 4, 1853. To Capt. J. W. Phelps, at Paris, France. Extending his leave of absence to 14 months.
69. BILL OF LADING for a shipment of private property of Capt. Phelps from Brazos, Jan. 9, 1853.
70. S. CHURCHILL. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Inspector General's Dept. Washington, D.C. April 30, 1853. To Capt. Phelps on the appointment of a new Inspector General and congratulating him on his safe return from Europe.

71. MR. CASTILLO. A.L.3d person. June 20, 1853. Invitation to Capt. Phelps.
72. LT. JOHN GIBBON. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. Washington, June 28, 1853. To Capt. Phelps. On conditions and affairs in Texas and describing a street fight in Washington.
73. BUCKINGHAM SMITH. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Washington, June 21, 1854. To Capt. Phelps. On the Southern Indian languages.
74. BILL for a barrel of Northern apples shipped to Capt. Phelps.
75. LT. J. P. GARESCHE'. A.L.S., 3 pp. 8vo. Las Animas, July 9, 1854. Another 4 pp. 8vo. Sept. 10, 1854, and another 1 p. 4to. Sept. 1, 1854. All to Capt. Phelps, his superior, on artillery matters.
76. GEN. ADRIAN WOLL. L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Matamoros, Oct. 11, 1854. To Capt. Phelps. Letter in Spanish on the use of Indian words.
77. COPY OF GEN. DON CARLOS BUELL'S ORDERS dated Corpus Christi, 8, 1854 concerning outbreaks of the Comanche Indians.
78. CAPT. SAM JOVES. A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo. Fort Brown, Tex. Nov. 15, 1854. To Capt. Phelps. Releasing him from further attendance on court martial.
79. THOMAS EVANS. A.D.S., 1 p. folio. May 31, 1855. Receipted commissary bill of Capt. Phelps.
80. LT. G. W. HAZZARD. A.L.S. 2 pp. 4to. Baltimore, July 12, 1855. To Capt. Phelps. A newsy letter on army personalities. Also another letter of Aug. 21, 1855.
81. COPY IN PHELP'S AUTOGRAPH of a letter giving him orders concerning invasions of Mexican Territory. Dated San Antonio, Oct. 8, 1855.
82. J. R. ANDERSON. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Richmond, Oct. 9, 1855. To Capt. Phelps. The letter is on the stationery Fredegar Foundry and Engine Works on which the Confederate forces relied so largely a few years later.
83. FREIGHT BILL of New Orleans and Texas U. S. Mail Line. Nov. 22, 1855.
84. LETTER BOOK OF CAPT. PHELPS. 45 pp. 4to. Various dates 1855-56. Fort Brown, Tex.
85. COL. JOS. MANSFIELD. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. June, 1856. To Capt. Phelps. Concerning a fight with the Indians. Another of July 7, 1856.
86. LT. G. W. HAZZARD. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Baltimore, Jan. 3, 1856. To Capt. Phelps. On the affairs of mutual army acquaintances.
87. THOMAS HOPKINS. A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to. Manchester, England. May 2, 1856. To Capt. Phelps. A very long and interesting letter on meteorological condition in Texas.

88. CAPT. A. PLEASANTON. A.D.S., 3 pp. 4to. Hdqrs. Missouri River, June 6, 1856. General orders on the trial of Capt. Howe of the Fourth Artillery.
89. CAPT. PHELPS Return of Ordinance for 1856. D.S., 7 pp. 4to.
90. FRANCIS TAYLOR. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fort Brown, Tex. Feb. 17, 1857. To Capt. Phelps. On business of the Fourth Artillery.
91. BALTIMORE CLUB CARD signed by Wm. H. Hoffman as President. Feb. 19, 1857.
92. MAJOR JOHN F. REYNOLDS. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. Fortress Monroe, March 16, 1857. To Capt. Phelps. On army business.
93. CAPT. STEWART VAN VLIET. L.S., 1 p. 8vo. New York, March 17, 1857. To Capt. Phelps. On Army business.
94. S. WILLIAMS. ASS'T. ADJ. GEN. L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Washington, May 8, 1857. To Capt. Phelps. Copy of the Adjutant General's letter on new artillery tactics.
95. C. T. FORSHEY, SUPT. TEXAS MILITARY INSTITUTE. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Rutersville, May 19, 1857. To Capt. Phelps. Inviting him to attend exercises of the school.
96. -- DE PEYSTER. A.L. incomplete, 4 pp. 4to. Tivoli, Oct. 26, 1858. To Capt. Phelps. A most interesting account of the American raid on Prescott during War of 1812.
97. EMMA WILLARD. A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo. Troy, Feb. 18, 1859. To "My dear Helen". Personal letter.
98. MAJOR J. P. GARESCHE'. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. Washington, June 1, 1859. An interesting account of a Comanche Indian fight.
99. S. COOPER, ADJUTANT GENERAL. L.S., 1 p. 4to. Washington, Nov. 3, 1859. Acceptance of Capt. Phelps' resignation from the U. S. Army.
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1860-69

100. S. COOPER. ADJUTANT GENERAL. D.S., 3 pp. 4to. Jan. 16, 1860. Relating to artillery usages.
101. JAMES T. HODGE, CURATOR COOPER UNION. A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo. Jan. 27, 1860. Concerning rental of Cooper Union Hall.
102. A. G. BROWNE, JR. A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo. Boston, Feb. 17, 1860. To J. W. Phelps. On politics, etc.
103. EMMA W. WILLARD. A.L.S. 2 pp. 8vo. Troy, Aug. 17, 1860. To Capt. Phelps. On family matters.

104. J. M. HUGLIN. A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to. St. Charles, Iowa. Feb. 3, 1861. To Capt. Phelps. A very interesting letter on crops and conditions in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri and on Secession.
105. BATTLE OF BIG BETHEL. Gen. B. F. Butler's Orders to Col. John W. Phelps. A.L.S., 3 pp. 8vo. of Butler's Aide, Theo. Winch, dated Headquarters, June 9, 1861. Giving explicit orders for Col. Phelps' advance as far as Little Bethel where he is to meet Butler's force. A fine Civil War letter.
106. T. T. HAINES, ASS'T. ADJ. GEN'L. L.S., 1 p. 4to. Hdqrs. Dept. of Va., June 17, 1861. Orders respecting the stores of the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment.
107. LT. CHARLES C. CHURCHILL. ASS'T. ADJ. GEN'L. L.S., 1 p. 4to. To Col. Phelps. On Army affairs.
108. WARNING TO GEN. B. F. BUTLER. James N. Palmer. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to. New Haven, July 29, 1861. Memorandum signed by Butler on back referring it to Gen. John W. Phelps. "The Rebels expect to attack Newport News by water and land simultaneously -- for this purpose they have prepared iron plated vessels at the Gosport Navy Yard.cover your men as our fathers did at Bunker Hill with a Rail Fence if nothing better is at hand...."
109. THOMAS H. HALSEY. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Washington, Sept. 30, 1861. To Col. J. W. Phelps concerning his pay as Colonel of the First Vermont prior to his acceptance of Brigadier General's commission.
110. P. FRANKLIN JONES. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Washington, Oct. 18, 1861. To Gen. Phelps. Concerning his invention of a device for pointing heavy guns and giving of copy of Abraham Lincoln's letter to Gen. Ripley on carrying out a practical test of the invention.
111. P. FRANKLIN JONES. Another letter on the progress he is making with the test, having fitted up a 32 pounder for the purpose.
112. MAJOR H. O. WHITTEMORE. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. Boston, Oct. 25, 1861. To Gen. Phelps. Asking him to recommend him to Governor Andrew for immediate service in the field.
113. CHARLES A. SCOTT, a former soldier in Phelps' Artillery Company. A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo. Camp Duncan, D.C. Nov. 5, 1861. To Gen. Phelps. Asking a recommendation to be used to help him to a commission in a Maryland Artillery Regiment.
114. GOVERNOR JOHN ANDREW, of Massachusetts. Letter press copy of L.S. 3 pp. 4to. Boston, Nov. 29, 1861. To Simon Cameron, Sec'y. of War. On Gen. Phelps plan to create an artillery corps which he heartily endorses.
115. ELIAS SMITH, TIMES WAR CORRESPONDENT. A.L.S. pencil, 1 p. 4to. S.S. Constitution Ship Island, Dec. 5, 1861. To Capt. Fletcher. Asking leave of absence from the ship to carry a proclamation from the commanding general to the rebels.

116. CAPT. A. G. FLETCHER. A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo. Refusing the leave of absence asked by Elias Smith, in the letter before.
117. BENJAMIN TURNER. A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo. Huron, Dec. 25, 1861. To Gen. Phelps. Saying that his son is prisoner in New Orleans and that he wants to join Phelps forces to strike a blow at the South, particularly at New Orleans.
118. CHARLES GAUSS. A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to. in French. Explaining his absence without leave.
119. GEN. J. W. PHELPS. Letter not in his autograph to Admiral McKean, Commanding the Gulf Squadron asking permission for the French Steamer "Milan" to proceed to New Orleans. Dated Ship Island, Jan. 1, 1862.
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