



102 Broadway New York City
July 24th 1865

May Gen W T Sherman, US Army.

Dear Sir

Do you remember Captain James Kelly 16th US Inf. also senior Captain 69th NY Vols who commanded the same after Corcoran's capture? He was summarily dismissed while we (16th US Inf) were in front of Atlanta.

The dismissal was an outrage ^{nearly} every officer of the Regular Brigade signed a petition to the President for his trial.

The alleged offense was "drawing pay as Sr Col 69th NY Vols after being mustered out." During all this time he was acting under orders from the War Dept ordering him as, Sr Col Kelly. - These printed orders (Nos 431 Sep 26/63. 505 Nov 18/63 + to 96 Feb 29/64) Mr Kelly has in his possession + each of them orders Sr Col Kelly 69th NY Vols to various duties. Mr Kelly says he was never notified of mustered out as Sr Col.

Mr Kelly attributes his disgrace to a personal quarrel with T M Vincent of the Adjutant Generals Dept. and so far, all his attempts for a hearing through that department seem to be

pigeon holed.

Will you, general, ask, with General's
Grants endorsement, for a trial in this case?
ask it direct of the President so that only an
order may go to the War Dept. Then, perhaps,
Kelly may get a hearing.-

With great respect & much pride I, one
of your soldiers sign myself

Yours Respectfully

R R Barry

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Capt 16th U.S. Inf

M. (19) 388 Aug. 1865.
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Receipt

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Capt R. P. Barry

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Kelly 16. N. S. Day -

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R. P. Barry
Capt R. P. Barry

Will you please ask with General
points in view, for a trial in this case?
ask it direct of the President as that will be
over and go to the laws before. There, perhaps,
will be great respect which I, as
of your business again myself.

To W. T. SHERMAN
MAJ GEN USA
signed by SHERMAN
on back
R. P. BARRY
CAPT. USA.
RE: TRIAL FOR RT COL JAS. KELLY