

Executive Department,

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1863,

Sir

I have been informed that attempts are being made by persons or parties in this Territory to fix upon Genl. Carleton a want of patriotism and a sympathy with those who have and do entertain secession sentiments.

I have known Genl. Carleton for many years and have been a close observer of his conduct, I have participated largely of his confidence even before he became the Commander of this Department, and justice compels me to say that I have never seen an act or heard a sentiment from his lips that did not prove him to be a pure patriot and a truly loyal man to the Government and to the Union. In a subaltern capacity he was known and distinguished here as the most active and energetic officer in the army. Since taking command of this Department he has been unwearied in his energies for the subjugation and pacification of the Indians in which he is this day employing all the resources at his command. It would be

Shays  
at, at this time of life and after so many years of  
public service, with an unblemished public and private  
character, he should find it necessary to refute any  
such charges as those I have mentioned. I am confident  
that there can be no truth in them, as every act of  
Genl Bartles life that has come under my observation  
gives to them a direct contradiction. I am sure that there are  
few, if there be any, in this Territory who would give credence  
to any such imputations. I have no doubt that Genl Bartles  
will refute all such charges with evidence far more convincing  
than any that I could offer however intimately I may  
have known him and observed his conduct as a citizen and  
as a soldier.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Henry Connelly

Gov. of Mexico

May Genl

Henry W. Halleck

Genl in Chief

Washington City

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From  
Henry Connelly  
Gov. of New Mex.

To  
Genl. H. W. Halleck