

Office of the Commissary General of Prisoners.

Pelle Ham
Washington, D. C., May 14, 1864.

St. Gen. U. S. Grant

Comd. in Chief

No. 2. Army of the Potomac

General

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your note of
yesterday.

The prisoners forwarded from the
Army of the Potomac in charge of Col.
Gates arrived last evening, and the officers
were immediately embarked for Fort Mon-
rovia. The enlisted men will be detained
a day or two until the troops coming forward
from Washington have all been brought down.

Gen. Abernethy will make ar-
rangements for forwarding despatches from
this point to Fredericksburg, three a day, at
12 M. and 1 P. M. as you suggest. From
Fredericksburg to your No. 2. Quarters the Escort
will have to be furnished from the Army of

the Palomae

The General has written to you in
reference to the character of his command
and the nature of the duties they have to
perform. At Muskrat a considerable force
of efficient troops is required. The Missions
require reliable guards, whether in camp
or on transports, for which service the Ter-
ran Reserves will answer very well.
They are too feeble to perform the labor
required at this post at this time. There
are few stragglers here, and the Medical
officers have not detained any of the num-
bered men. I have communicated your
wishes on this subject to Genl. Abercrombie.

I am General, very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

W. Hoffman

Col. 3rd Regt.

Comd. Genl. Post