

Monroe's Capital Republic
about 1840, 1841, 1842

Aug. 1, 1861

Very respectfully, your obedient servt

G. B. McClellan,

Maj. Genl U.S.A.

Col. Murey's cipher dispatch, ^{enclosed} mentioned in the above ^(transcribed from original) is also translated out of cipher and enclosed with the preceding letter of the same date, and is given ^{below} as follows: "For Gen. G. B. Mc-

Clellan, Washington, D.C.: I urge upon you to instantly make a positive and unconditional demand for an immediate draft of the additional troops you require. Men will not volunteer now, and drafting is the only successful plan. The people will applaud such a course, rely upon it. I will be in Washington to-morrow. R. B. Murey."

In his final report made two years later (August 4, 1863 - just after the draft riots in New York), McClellan makes no allusion to this matter. He concedes that the new levies were "recruited and pressed forward with unexampled rapidity," though alleging delay in ^{the manufacture} ~~their arrival~~ and ^{and supply} of arms and equipments, as ^{one} reason for the prolonged nonaction which excited "impatience" among the people. There was no occasion ~~then~~ for resorting to the extreme measure of conscription at that date, of course,