

United States Military Railroads,

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE.

Superintendent's Office,

Memphis, 31st July 1863.

Col. H. Binmore.

A. C. G. 16th Corps.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of papers relating to the claims of Martin L. Coyner for pay as "Military Superintendent of Rail Roads, Army of the Mississippi."

There is no evidence in this office of Mr. Coyner's appointment or service. At the time he claims to have been "Commissioned" I had no connection with the R. Roads. I succeeded Gen. McPherson in charge early in November 1862 and remained at Jackson till late in January last, when, by order of Gen. Grant, I removed my office to this place. Mr. Coyner says he remained at Jackson till 1st June last.

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Bury Hill
USA

It seems very strange that during
the time mentioned Mr. Cozner did
not report to me for duty, nor claim
pay. Indeed I have no knowledge
of him either personal or official.
The claim seems to me groundless.

It is possible that Gen. M^r Per-
son might throw some light upon the
matter. But it would seem that
if Mr. Cozner knew enough to be
appointed by Gen. Halleck "as Super-
intendent of Rail Road" he would
also know that the proper place to
apply for pay is in this Dept, and
not at Indianapolis.

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Chas. St.

O. D. Webster

My. Genl. Supt.

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Mercedes Stearns
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Walter J. D. Biggs General
Super. Mil. A.S. Springfield

Comments receipts of current
communication of Mr. Winters
begin relation to pay claims
of services as super of Cavalry
Army of the Mississippi and other
matters he can find no ser-
vice in his report that
Mr. Biggs ever done in and
capably and think the claim
groundless

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Sharon Quastor 16th Nov 1865
Merrillville, Indiana
21st August 1865

Respectfully forwarded

Wm. W. Belmont
Major-General

Mr. Col. J. A. Rumpkin
see 7. 20 July 1865