

This letter belongs to Emma C. Jopp.

Head Quarters, Department #2
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To

Col Roberton Jopp
Judge J. Caruthers
Dr Septa Folks

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Gentlemen

I am satisfied that many of our Countrymen in East Tennessee have, by the course of events, been forced into taking a position in regard to the questions pending between the North and the South, which is hardly in keeping with their natural relations, and from which it is our duty in a spirit of magnanimity, to do what we can to relieve them.

Without entering into the questions of the issue, I feel confident, that if they are assured by their fellow countrymen of their disposition to treat them with kindness, and to respect their manly feelings, (while they are making provision for the protection of our own Tennessee soil against invasion from the North,) they will have no reason to feel aggrieved by the presence of troops in their midst.

They must see that the policy of the U. S. Government, or rather Mr Lincoln's government, is to overrun and subjugate us, and they also know that ~~it is~~ it is ~~not~~ ^{it is} ~~not~~ ^{not}

threatening to do this through the passes of the
Tennessee mountains. What are we to do then?
But one thing is left us, and that is to place troops
at all of those points at which we are most
exposed. This assuredly, in the face of the
facts alluded to, should form no just ground
of complaint on the part of any candid man
of sense. It is upon every account desirable
that no irritating language, or any offensive
bearing should be manifested by the troops towards
citizens of East Tennessee or elsewhere; and the
Commander will doubtless see that this is not
done. Your well known character and position
in relation to the public questions which have
agitated us, make it in my opinion a very proper
office for you to perform to go to our fellow citizens
of East Tennessee, and with fraternal words
and unfeigned kindness to endeavour to induce
them to waive their opposition to the decision of the
majority of the votes of the State, and to become
hereafter as heretofore, with us a United band of
brothers.

The State of Tennessee in the history of the past
has a fame which among our States has been among
the most enviable. For Statesmanship and Military
distinctions she has been excelled by none. In
the name of all that is hallowed and precious
let us see to it that we transmit to our children

an scutcheon unstained, by the demoralizing
and desolating influences of social distractions
and conflicts. Concession in a world like
this is inevitable. So long before the decision
of majorities the highest of the duties of American
Citizenship.

May we not hope then gentlemen, that
you will be a mission of peace, and that we
shall soon hear of but our party in the Eastern
end of our beloved Tennessee, as there is but one in
the ~~West~~^{Western} and Central districts, and like the
true patriots of our good old Mother, the Old North
State we shall be one and indivisible -

With my best wishes for your
success

I remain Respectfully
Your fellow Countryman

Leicester Folk
May 2^d 1862
Commanding
5th Department.
C. S. A.

Gen Park letter

As requested I
now return the
enclosed papers -

R W Johnson