

War Department
Washington City,

July 21

1864

General.

This note will be handed you by W W McKaig
W of Cumberland whose family by a recent order
of yours has been sent South. Mr McKaig was formerly
a citizen of Ohio with whom I have been well
acquainted for many years and have never known
any act of disloyalty attributed to him. He feels much
grief at the removal of his family and his threatened
banishment. I have advised him to go directly to you
and make such explanations as he may have to offer
respecting any charge or imputation against him or his
family that may have reached you. I have assured
him of a safe conduct going & returning and that
you will give him a fair and kind hearing
and that you will, unless having clear proof of guilt,
modify your order upon such terms as you may deem
just. You will please give him such hearing and
act as you shall, after his explanations, think proper in
respect to his family and permit him to go home or return
to Washington. Yours truly Edwin M Stanton Sec War

5. (ABRAHAM LINCOLN). STANTON. (EDWIN M.). Sec. of War. A.L.S.
1 VERY FULL PAGE, 4TO. War Dept., Wash., July 21, 1864, to "GENERAL."
Very important letter:

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Stanton goes deeply into the case in succeeding lines of the letter. An item of
very unusual interest indeed. \$15.00

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