

"Telegraph to the Herald - Stampede of Negroes from Lewinsville,"

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## TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.

### **Army Orders Placing Certain Powers in the Hands of State Governors—Brigadier Generals Appointed—Stampede of Negroes from Lewinsville—The Colors of the 79th N. Y. Regiment Restored—All Quiet in the Camps.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. The following order was issued to day from the Adjutant General's office:—

*First*—All persons having received authority from the War Department to raise volunteer regiments, batteries or companies in the loyal States, are, with their commands, hereby placed under the orders of the Governors of those States, to whom they will immediately report the present condition of their respective organizations. These troops will be organized or re-organized and prepared for service by the Governors of the respective States in the manner they may judge most advantageous for the interests of the General Government.

*Second*—Volunteer officers who have complied or may hereafter comply with the conditions of their respective acceptances from the War Department, and who have not received commissions from the President of the United States, will be commissioned by the Governors of their respective States, by furnishing the regiments, batteries or independent companies to which they are attached.

*Third*—The Governors of the several States may at any time during the organization of a volunteer regiment, authorize the Adjutant Quartermasters, and, whenever necessary, the medical officers thereof, to be mustered into service to aid in recruiting the regiment, and for the prompt transaction of all other business. All other officers will be mustered into service as directed in General Orders No. 61, current series from this office.

The President has appointed Major Oud, of the 3d Artillery, Capt. Horatio G. Knights, of the U. S. Engineers, and Wm. Nelson, of Kentucky, Brigadier Generals of Volunteers.

F. W. Walker was brought here this afternoon. His condition has apparently improved.

There was a stampede of negroes, 14 in number, consisting of men, women and children in the neighborhood of Lewinsville to-day. They came to our lines, saying they were to be sent to Manassas this morning. Gen. Smith sent them to Washington. They belonged to the estate of the late Commodore Jones. They stated that they left at home only a daughter of the Commodore, her mother having departed some time ago for Manassas Junction.

The colors of the New York 79th Regiment were returned to them to-day with befitting ceremonies. They were taken away at the time of their insubordination or mutiny, by order of Gen. McClellan.

All has been quiet to-day, with the exception of the usual occasional picket firing.

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