

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 10.

Surrender of General Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9—9 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

This Department has just received official report of the surrender, this day, of General Lee and his army to Lieutenant General Grant, on the terms proposed by General Grant. Details will be given as speedily as possible.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF U. S.,
April 9, 4 30 P. M.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Gen. Lee surrendered the Army of Virginia this afternoon upon terms proposed by myself. The accompanying additional correspondence will show the conditions fully.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General.

April 9th, 1865.

GENERAL: I received your note of this morning at the picket line, whither I had come to meet you, to ascertain definitely what terms were embraced in your proposition of yesterday. With reference to the surrender of this army, I now request an interview in accordance with the offer contained in your letter of yesterday for that purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
R. E. LEE, General, C. S. A.

Lieutenant General U. S. GRANT, Commanding United States Armies.

APRIL 9, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding Confederate States Army.

Your note of this date is but this moment, 11.55 A. M., received, in consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg to the Farmville and Lynchburg road. I am at this moment about four miles west of Walter's Church, and will push forward to the front for the purpose of meeting you. Notice sent to me on this road where you wish the interview to take place, will meet me.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General.

APPOMATTOX, C. H., April 9, 1865.

Gen. R. E. Lee, Commanding U. S. A.:

In accordance with the substance of my letter to you of the 8th inst., I propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, on the following terms, to wit:

Rolls of all the officers and men to be made in duplicate; one copy to be given to an officer designated by me, the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate. The officers to give their individual paroles not to take up arms against the Government of the United States until properly exchanged, and each company or regimental commander to sign a like parole for the men of their commands. The arms, artillery, and public property to be packed and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, not to be disturbed by the United States authority so long as they observe their parole and the laws in force where they may reside. Very respectfully,

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General.

HQ'S ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

April 9, 1865.

Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding United States Armies:

GENERAL: I have received your letter of this date, containing the terms of surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, as proposed by you. As they are substantially the same as those expressed in your letter of the

8th inst., they are accepted. I will proceed to designate the proper officers to carry the stipulations into effect.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
R. E. LEE, General.

The following is the previous correspondence between General Grant and General Lee, referred to in the foregoing telegram to the Secretary of War:

CLIFTON HOUSE, Va., April 9, 1865.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

The following correspondence has taken place between General Lee and myself.

There has been no relaxation in the pursuit during its pendency.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General.

April 7, 1865.

General R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

GENERAL: The result of last week must convince you of the hopelessness of further resistance on the part of the Army of Northern Virginia in this struggle. I feel that it is so, and regard it as my duty to shift from myself the responsibility of any further effusion of blood, by asking of you the surrender of that portion of the Confederate army, known as the Army of Northern Virginia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT, Lieut. General.

Commanding Armies United States.

APRIL 7, 1865.

To Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding Armies of the United States:

GENERAL: I have received your note of this date. Though not entirely of the opinion you express of the hopelessness of the further resistance on the part of the army of Northern Virginia, I reciprocate your desire to avoid useless effusion of blood, and therefore, considering your proposition, ask the terms you will offer on condition of its surrender.

R. E. LEE, General.

APRIL 8, 1865.

Gen. R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

GENERAL: Your note of last evening, in reply to mine of same date, asking conditions on which I will accept the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, is just received. In reply, I would say that peace being my first desire, there is but one condition I insist upon, viz:

That the men surrendered shall be disqualified for taking up arms again against the Government of the United States, until properly exchanged. I will meet you, or designate officers to meet any officers you may name for the same purpose, at any point agreeable to you, for the purpose of arranging definitely the terms upon which the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia will be received.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

APRIL 8, 1865.

GENERAL: I received at a late hour your note of to-day, in answer to mine of yesterday. I did not intend to propose the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, but to ask the terms of your proposition. To be frank, I do not think the emergency has arisen to call for the surrender of this army, but as the restoration of peace should be the sole object of all, I desire to know whether your proposals would tend to that end. I cannot, therefore, meet you with a view to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia; but as far as your proposition may affect the Confederate States forces under my command, and tend to the restoration of peace, I should be pleased to meet you at 10 A. M., to-morrow, on the old stage road to Richmond, between the picket lines of the two armies.

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't,

R. E. LEE, General, C. S. A.

Lieutenant General U. S. GRANT, Commanding United States Armies.

APRIL 9, 1865.

Gen. R. E. Lee, Commanding C. S. A.:

GENERAL: Your note of yesterday is received. As I have no authority to treat on the subject of peace, the meeting proposed for 10 A. M. to-day could lead to no good. I will state, however, General, that I am equally anxious for peace with yourself, and the whole North entertains the same feeling. The terms upon which peace can be had are well understood. By the South laying down their arms they will hasten that desirable event, save thousands of human lives, and hundreds of millions of property not yet destroyed.

Sincerely hoping that all our difficulties may be settled without the loss of another life, I subscribe myself, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C.
9.30 P. M., April 9, 1865.

Lieutenant General Grant:

Thanks be to Almighty God for the great victory with which he has this day crowned you and the gallant army under your command! The thanks of this department, and of the Government, and of the people of the United States; their reverence and honor have been deserved, and will be rendered to you and the brave and gallant officers and soldiers of your army for all time.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9—10 P. M.

Ordered: That a salute of two hundred guns be fired at the headquarters of every army and department, and at every post and arsenal in the United States, and at the Military Academy at West Point, on the day of the receipt of this order, in commemoration of the surrender of General R. E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia, to Lieutenant General Grant and the army under his command.— Report of the receipt and execution of this order to be made to the Adjutant General, Washington.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

A despatch from Washington in the New York papers, says:—"The proposition of President Lincoln, as stated in the Richmond Whig, to reassemble the Virginia Legislature at Richmond for the purpose of authorizing a Convention to take back the State into the bonds of the Union, interferes with the Government claiming to represent that State with Pierpont as Governor, and its capital at Alexandria."

President Lincoln returned to Washington yesterday.

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