

Joseph Clarke.  
Please excuse my long delay in  
answering your last, and also this  
disjointed & uninteresting letter.  
Remember us kindly to Mrs I  
and family. also all our friends  
in Greensp. I believe I've yours  
in Sincerity  
J Clarke

J. W. C. Ireland Esq.  
Greensburg  
Pa

P. S.

Shall take as a great favor to  
get a letter from you at any time.  
So please write soon as the sooner  
the better  
J C

Head-Quarters U. S. Forces in Kentucky,

Louisville, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1862

Capt. Wm Ireland  
Provost Marshal  
Greenup County  
Boyle Co  
Sir,

Gen Boyle hereby directs that you examine all goods shipped to your town or county, should contraband articles be found among them, especially Arms Ammunition & drugs in greater quantities than the absolute wants of the immediate neighborhood demand, you will at once seize the whole lot and hold it for confiscation. You are ordered to make no arrests except for grave & serious charges where proof is clear. Expenses of guards and transportation will not be paid unless the same be ordered from these Head Quarters.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt

John Boyle  
Capt & A. A. G.

# Head-Quarters Provost Marshal General of Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Aug. 19, 1862.

## *General Orders No. 2.*

1st. Complaints have been made to these Headquarters that some of the Provost Marshals have taken money from persons arrested, in the shape of fees for oaths, bonds, &c. Such conduct cannot be too strongly condemned, and Provost Marshals who may do so hereafter, either directly or indirectly, will be arrested and brought to these Headquarters.

2d. I am ordered by General Boyle to remove and appoint Provost Marshals as the Governor may order, and to execute my office under the Governor.

HENRY DENT,

*Provost Marshal General.*

# Head-Quarters Provost Marshal General of Ky.,

LOUISVILLE, KY., Aug. 10, 1862.

## *General Orders No. 1.*

1. Provost Marshals in the Department commanded by Brig. Gen. Boyle, are hereby notified that, in obedience to General Order No. 9, I have been appointed and have entered upon the discharge of the duties of Provost Marshal General of this Department.

2. The Federal and State authorities being now in harmony, it is intended as soon as possible to hand over to the State authorities the duty of keeping peace in the State. In the meanwhile, indiscriminate arrests are strongly condemned. No arrests must be made except for such causes as are set forth in General Order No. 4, from the Headquarters of Gen. Boyle. The charge must be specific and supported by the written affidavit of one or more responsible parties.

3. Prisoners must not be sent to these Headquarters without the charges and proof. The cost of holding prisoners shall not exceed forty cents per day.

4. Provost Marshals and Home Guards organized by him act voluntarily without compensation. Their subsistence when on duty must be furnished by the counties in which they act.

HENRY DENT,

*Provost Marshal General.*

*All bonds taken must be acknowledged  
before two Justices of the Peace, County or  
Circuit Judge, or a U. S. Commissioner  
Bonds taken in any other way are illegal*  
*Henry Dent*  
*Provost Marshal General*

# Head-Quarters U. S. Forces in Kentucky,

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 26th, 1862.

## GENERAL ORDERS }

No. 4. }

The following instructions are issued for the guidance of officers in the cases specified:

I. All peaceful and law-abiding citizens and residents of the State must be protected in their persons, property, and rights, but citizens and residents who joined the so-called Confederate forces, or gave them aid and assistance, or went within their lines without license from the proper authorities, and have returned or may return, and be repentant for their conduct, must report themselves to Col. Henry Dent, Provost Marshal of Louisville, Col. S. D. Bruce at Bowling Green, Major Brocht, Provost Marshal of Lexington, or any other duly appointed Provost Marshal, and furnish evidence of such repentance, and take the oath of allegiance and give bonds with security for their future good conduct, and if they fail so to report themselves, they must be arrested and committed to the military prison at Louisville, and sent thence to Camp Chase, with a statement of their case, to await the action of the Secretary of War. The members of Morgan's bands and other guerillas are excepted from the operations of this section. When arrested, they will be held and dealt with according to military law.

II. All persons who organize or aid in organizing forces for the rebellion, or organize or aid in organizing guerillas, or harbor or conceal, or give information or assistance to guerillas, must be arrested and dealt with according to military law.

III. In times of trouble like these, good, law-abiding men will refrain from language and conduct that excites to rebellion. For anything said or done with the intent to excite to rebellion, the offender must be arrested and his conduct reported, that he may be dealt with according to law.

IV. When damage shall be done to the person or property of loyal citizens by marauding bands or guerillas, the disloyal of the neighborhood or county will be held responsible, and a military commission appointed to assess damages and enforce compensation.

V. All arrests will be reported to these Head-Quarters with a descriptive list of the prisoners, and a full statement of the case, and the substance of the evidence, and names and residences of witnesses.

By command of BRIG. GEN. BOYLE.

JOHN BOYLE, Capt. and A. A. G.

## Head-Quarters U. S. Forces in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 21st, 1862.

### GENERAL ORDERS } No. 5.

The following general orders are issued to be enforced by military commanders in the District of Kentucky:

No person hostile in opinion to the Government and desiring its overthrow will be allowed to stand for office in the District of Kentucky. The attempt of such a person to stand for office will be regarded as in itself sufficient evidence of his treasonable intent to warrant his arrest. He who desires the overthrow of the Government can seek office under the Government only to promote its overthrow. In seeking office he becomes an active traitor if he has never become one otherwise, and is liable, both in reason and in law, to be treated accordingly. All persons of this description who persist in offering themselves as candidates for office will be arrested and sent to these Head-Quarters.

By command of BRIG. GEN. BOYLE.

JOHN BOYLE, Capt. and A. A. G.

Head Quarters Provost Guard.

Louisville, Ky., Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1862.

To the

Provost Marshall.

Florenceburg Ky.

Sir

Then Heaton Agent Treas. Dept.  
has by my order directed James Pollock  
"Revenue Aid" to report to you - And you will  
cooperate with him in anything that may  
add to the interests of the Govt.

Respectfully -

Henry Dent  
Provost Marshal Genl

Greensburg Aug 24

My Dear Husband

I feel much better to day than  
I have done since you left. I was  
very sick the eve and night you left  
and all the next day. I had an attack  
of congestion of the lungs. you recollect  
how sore I was in my lungs before you left.  
it continued to grow worse until Tuesday  
afternoon when I was relieved by Calomel  
and Croton oil. Oh how I wished for you  
that night for I was so very sick and nervous  
I did not think I could live until day light.  
I feel truly thankful that I am as well as  
I am—the children are all well. and have  
been since you left. They were very kind  
to me when I was sick. Lallie stayed up

Several hours beyond her regular bedtimes waiting  
by my bedside - Mary Eliza stayed with me  
that night - I could write more but you  
must excuse this as it hurts my wrist to  
lean over to write - Her Blake did not go  
with the company he remained over till Monday  
and in the meantime he has procured a sub  
he is a - I don't know what to call him  
you may call him any thing you please -

I will finish this in the morning - and will  
be able to tell you how Mr Hunt is as  
the Dr is there now.

Monday Morning

I am pretty well this morning  
and think I will be quite well in  
a day or two - Mr Hunt is very  
low the Dr thinks the chances  
are against his recovery - he has an  
inflammation in his bowels -

Henry B. has to get his competency  
as they would not accept a substitute  
he looks very sad indeed -

the company are at Maysville  
I hope to get a letter today from  
you. I would feel much better to  
get a good long letter saying you  
were well and safe from the many  
dangers that are now threatening our  
land - we have ~~runners~~ every  
day of the rebel coming in ones  
but I do not let it trouble - it will  
be time enough when they come  
Several have left for Dixie - I  
will give you their names next  
time I write if I think it would  
interest you.

I must close this scribbling  
I will write Thursday

May god bless  
you your wife  
J Ireland