

David Hunter, Union General, endorsement of Mr. Richard Harris

There is war-date endorsement on the verso of a letter from Richard Harris, Port Royal, August 25, 1862 to Gov. Edwin Morgan of New York. Harris requests an appointment to a new regiment, mentioning his service with a New Jersey regiment in Virginia. On the verso, Hunter signs with rank of major general, the lengthy endorsement attesting to the applicant's many qualities and suitability for the post. Hunter was the Union General first to order the abolishment of slavery in the south and later presided over the trial of the Lincoln assassination conspirators.

Hilton Head
Port Royal
South Carolina
Aug 25. 1862

To His Excellency E. D. Morgan
Governor of State of New York }

Sir,

I take the liberty of asking your Excellency for a position in one of the new Regiments now organizing. I believe I am fully competent for the position of company officer. My military experience extends over a period of twelve months four of which were passed in Virginia in a New Jersey Regiment, with the rank of orderly sergeant, and eight months in this Department in the New York Volunteer Engineers. I had the acting rank of Second Lieutenant in the 1st U. S. Vols. now disbanded.

Trusting that this application may meet with your Excellency's consideration and begging to tender you the accompanying endorsement of Major General D. Hunter, commanding this Department,

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's obedient servant
Richard Harris

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I have the honor to fully endorse
most cordially recommending the military applica-
tion, if no objection has been made and
general satisfaction for many months and
regard him as eminently qualified to hold
education and experience for the position of a
lieut. The title given, vigorous character, noble
rewards, etc. are for forward, and in my view
most an appropriate reward, and in the public
interest, that he is awarded by the military
and military has been honored, and his position
is the subject of the act passed.

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Richard Thomas
Capt. U.S. Army
John Thomas Dept.

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position in the New
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