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Abstract

Letter of 28 November 1862, written by Horace Kellogg, a Captain of the 123rd Ohio Infantry, to Rufus Maxwell of St. George, Tucker County, (West) Virginia. The letter concerns repayment for robberies perpetrated against Union citizens by Confederate partisans. Maxwell had been ordered to pay eighty-five dollars towards this debt by 1 December 1862. Kellogg reports the consequences of failing to pay the debt, as ordered by Brigadier General Robert H. Milroy. Milroy's order specifies that persons found in violation shall have their houses burnt, be themselves shot, and have their property seized. The order continues that similar punishment would be brought against citizens that withheld information from Union troops. Receipt of payment is endorsed on the letter, dated 31 November 1862. See historical note for further information concerning Rufus Maxwell.

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Rufus Maxwell was a lawyer and had been the prosecuting attorney for Tucker County prior to the outbreak of the Civil War; he was the first to hold such office after the creation of the county in 1856. One of Maxwell's sons was Hu Maxwell, noted historian, editor, and author of several West Virginia county histories.

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