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Adjutant General's Office
April 19, 1862

THE
PRESIDENT of the United States of AMERICA,



To all who shall see these presents greeting

Know Ye That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of Henry Clay McDevall I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers with the rank of Captain in the service of the United States: to rank as such from the nineteenth day of November eighteen hundred and sixty one. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Assistant Adjutant General by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge, and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command, to be obedient to his orders as Assistant Adjutant General. And he is to observe and follow such orders, and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, or the General, or other superior Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War. This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States, for the time being.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, this Eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Sixty two and in the eighty sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

By the President,

Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Abraham Lincoln



Engraved by J. N. and W. M. Wood, N.Y.