

HENRY WILSON HUBBELL ME# 2902

BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S.A

(1842 – 1917)



SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR: 1898

Civil War Officer with the 7th New York Regiment and 40th NY Infantry, Indian Wars Artillery Captain & Spanish-American War Colonel, 201st NY Infantry and Later Brigadier General! General Hubbell is buried in Section 3 of Arlington National Cemetery.

Autograph Letter Signed by Hubbell while serving as Colonel of the 201st U.S. Infantry to Civil War 7th New York Infantry, Gettysburg & New York City Draft Riots Colonel, Emmons Clark (1827-1905), defending the recent promotion of Lieut. Underhill, and his subsequent resignation to Col. Clark.

Note that President Abraham Lincoln was delighted when Col. Emmons Clark mustered into service the first regiment for the Civil War, The New York Seventh Regiment. It should also be noted that the 7th Regiment Armory on Manhattan, New York City is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Letter:

Lincoln, Abraham. Autograph letter signed ("A. Lincoln) Washington, 19 February 1863, to Thurlow Weed, on engraved stationery of the Executive Mansion

Lincoln hopes Thurlow Weed does not neglect important matters recently discussed.

Lincoln writes in full: *Dear Sir, The matters I spoke to you about are important; I hope you will not neglect them. Yours truly, A. Lincoln.*

No doubt, the *important matters* Lincoln spoke to Weed about involved funds to finance the Republican Party machinery. It appears Weed promptly responded with the collection of \$15,000 of pledges.

On the bottom of the page and continuing on the back are the signatures of New York merchants who pledged \$1,000 each as follows: Charles Knapp; Marshall O. Roberts; Alexander T. Stewart; Isaac Bell; William H. Aspinwall; Cornelius Vanderbilt; James Mitchell; H. B.

Cromwell; Novelty Iron Works, Horace Allen, Pres.; James T. Sanford; Spofford & Tileston; J. F. Winslow; Secor & Co.; and P.S. Forbes. Russell Sturges and **Henry W. Hubbell** pledged \$1,000 together.

In the Life of Thurlow Weed, Including His Autobiography and a Memoir, edited by Harriet A. Weed, *Boston, 1883-1884* (II, 434-35) an account of the circumstances which occasioned Lincoln's note and Weed's raising of the money is quite specific about everything except the purpose for which the money was needed, but quotes Lincoln as follows: "Mr. Weed, we are in a tight place. Money for legitimate purposes is needed immediately; but there is no appropriation from which it can be lawfully taken. I didn't know how to raise it, and so I sent for you." It is more likely that the money was raised to finance party machinery than that it was needed for purposes of government. Welles' Diary on 10 February noted Weed's presence in Washington: "He has been sent for, but my informant knows not for what purpose. It is, I learn, to consult in regard to a scheme of Seward to influence the New Hampshire and Connecticut elections." On 8 March Weed wrote Lincoln that, "The Secession 'Petard,' in Connecticut, has probably 'hoisted' its own Engineers. Thank God for so much." Estimated auction price: \$8,000 - \$12,000

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Executive Mansion,
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Charles Sumner \$1,000

Marshall A. Roberts \$1,000

Key & Stewart \$1,000 +

Grace Bell \$1,000 +

Wm. H. Ayers & Co. \$1,000 +

Edw. Corbett \$1,000 +

Amos A. Phelps \$1,000 +

H. Bronson \$1,000

Novelty Iron works \$1000.

Harvey Allen & Co

W. D. Adams \$1000 =

W. H. Hildreth = 1000

J. H. Benson 1000 +

Leeds Co \$1000 +

P. S. Forbes \$1000. - +

Asaph Stevens }
Henry W. Hubbard } \$1000

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2nd Lieut. 40th N.Y. Vols.
Aide de Camp to Maj. Gen. H.G. Wright
Oct. 1862 (Age 20)*

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