

Thomas M. April 16th 1941  
Miss Ida M. Tardell, N.Y.  
I have prepared a partial  
account of my surrender to the  
U.S. Government - also the first  
lessons of my reconstruction  
days. I will take the liberty to say  
to you that during the four years  
war between the states, I served  
on the staff of 11 different gen-  
erals, and I witnessed a great many  
interesting facts that might be  
good reading.

As to my veracity I will refer  
you to Genl. Marcus J. Wright in  
the War Department - Washington, D.C.  
Also Senators Backwell and  
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