

COMPLIMENTS OF
C. J. MURPHY.

REMINISCENCES
OF THE
WAR OF THE REBELLION,
AND OF THE MEXICAN WAR.

By CHARLES J. MURPHY,

48 Vesey Street.

NEW YORK:
F. J. TUCKER, 21 and 23 William St.
1867.

attacked with malarial fever, from exposure on the Chickahominy River while waiting for the army to move, and which prostrated and confined me to my bed for several months, and left me in a similar condition, both mentally and physically, so that I was in after my escape from Richmond; so much so, that I thought I would never recover my health sufficient to return to the army, and gave up my appointment so kindly tendered me by Mr. Lincoln.

[Copy of letter from Col. Riblet, of whom I have the honor of now (1882) serving under, in the Fourth Company, Seventh Regiment Veteran Association, and in whose company I first enlisted in 1852, thirty years ago. Colonel Riblet is at present Secretary of the Peter Cooper Insurance Company, corner of Third Avenue and Ninth Street, New York.]

New York, Dec. 16th, 1862.

Hon'ble JOHN W. FORNEY,
Sec'y of the Senate.

DEAR SIR:

Allow me to introduce to you Mr. Charles J. Murphy, who was formerly a member of the Seventh Reg't N. Y. S. M., and now an officer in one of the regiments of the Scott Life Guard. Was in the battle of Bull Run, where he was taken prisoner, having refused to leave the field until the wounded were cared for; escaped from Richmond some weeks since, and is now an applicant for a commission in the regular army, a position he is well calculated to fill. If you will grant him your powerful aid in the matter, you will be assisting a worthy man, and as good-hearted a fellow as there is in the service.

Very truly,

Yours, &c.,

WM. H. RIBLET.

Copy of letter from Gen'l Cavada, a Cuban gentleman, who, if my memory serves me aright, commanded the 116th Penna. Regiment in the war, and who resigned his position of U. S. Consul in Cuba, to join the revolutionary cause. He was commander-in-chief at one time of the insurgent or patriot army.

U. S. CONSULATE, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, June 28, 1867.

MY DEAR PENNINGTON:

This will make you acquainted with Mr. Charles J. Murphy, who is interested in a matter before Congress, which he will explain. Will you be

kind enough to do what you can for him, and also enlist the aid of Mr. Myers in his behalf.

Mr. Murphy's exceeding kindness and generosity was known to me before I left Richmond, and on my arrival at Annapolis in a destitute condition, after a long imprisonment, he generously and voluntarily advanced us money for our immediate wants, supplied us with clothing, and did everything in his power to assist us, and all which were from the best and kindest of motives, for which myself and brother officers have always felt exceedingly grateful; and I would much like to be of some service to him in this matter.

Whatever you may be able to effect in his behalf will be very gratefully remembered by

Your sincere friend,

F. F. CAVADA.

EDWARD FERRINGTON, 127 S. 7th St., Philadelphia.

Gen. Shields' Arrival in New York.

My old comrade in Mexico, Major-General Jas. Shields arrives in New York and is suddenly taken sick at the Astor House. I am now in possession of the last letter he wrote about a half hour before his sudden death at Ottumwa, Iowa, he being the last but one of the general officers living who fought in Mexico, and was the only general in the war of the Rebellion who defeated Stonewall Jackson. The following extract is from the *Soldier's World* of September 28th, 1875.

In the morning Dr. Farrington pronounced his condition very dangerous. Inquiries were at once made if the General had any personal friends in New York, and their whereabouts.

"On Sunday morning Colonel C. J. Murphy, who does business in Vesey Street, New York, but who resides across the river in Brooklyn, called at the Astor House. Round about this hotel is the most densely settled, busiest and noisiest locality in all America; and the continuous rattle of wheels, night and day, the shout of newsboys and peddlers, the blowing steam whistles, and the incessant hum and ramble of business made it anything but pleasant for the sick. How was the patient to find relief in that neighborhood? How rest? After a brief consultation with the Doctor it was decided that the best thing to be done, according to Mr. Murphy's suggestion, was to take the General in a carriage to his residence, 464 Henry Street, where he would be removed from the turmoil of the great city.

Colonel Murphy himself is a veteran of two wars. He was in Mexico,