

The Courier

HOW PRISONERS OF WAR MAY BE DISCHARGED.

During the present week a young man from Gibson county, Tennessee, came to this city for the purpose, if possible, of procuring the discharge of five prisoners of war at military prisons in the Northwest. He brought letters to Hon. L. Anderson, of Kentucky, invoking his assistance. This morning Mr. Anderson started him to the President with a statement in the following words and figures:

PRISONERS OF WAR. Benjamin Robbitt, Camp Morton, S. D. Anderson, " " " " A. V. Alford " " " " W. L. Eastwood, Camp Douglas. Jas. F. Thomas, " " " " I am not personally acquainted with the above named persons, but they are recommended by ten true men with whom I am personally acquainted as proper persons to be permitted to take the oath and return home. From the recommendations and information received, I ask the President to permit them to be released on taking the oath of December, 1863.

(Signed) LU ANDERSON. In the forenoon of to-day, the young gentleman referred to appeared at the President's with this paper and asked to be permitted to present it. He was informed by C. O'Leary, who is in charge of the door, that the President's office, that he could not be permitted to enter. Subsequently upon being informed of the object of the call, he was taken aside and told by O'Leary that if he would pay him fifty dollars, he (O'Leary) would procure a charge of the papers and procure the President's order for the release of these prisoners; that otherwise he would have to remain for many days without any probability of having an interview with the President. He saw two other persons on a similar errand pay money to O'Leary, and saw the desired papers, a few minutes afterwards given by O'Leary to such persons. The young gentleman had but little money in the hotel; he left the papers, however, with O'Leary and reported the facts above recited to me.

I went with him immediately to the President's house, intending to play a simple and rustic part. With some difficulty I succeeded in disarming him of all suspicion, and arranged with him to pay the fifty dollars as soon as the President's order for the discharge of these prisoners should be handed to the gentleman above named. O'Leary promised to meet him at his room at the National Hotel, (taking the number,) at precisely three o'clock to-day, when he was to bring the order of the President for the release of the prisoners and receive the amount stipulated. I remained out of sight until the order for the discharge of the prisoners was delivered and the money paid. Just as O'Leary was handing himself out, I intercepted him, forced him back into the room, denounced him as a swindler, and caused him to surrender the money (thirty dollars), that being the amount which he had agreed to take finally, because of the assurance that nothing should be advanced for two of the prisoners, and the inability of the gentleman to pay more for the others.

The order of the President for the release of the prisoners is written on the paper which was signed by Mr. Anderson, and is in the following words: "Let these men take the oath of December 8, 1863, and be discharged." "A. LINCOLN." February 23, 1865. Just as O'Leary was taking his leave he gave to his supposed victim his address and urged him to inform the relatives and friends of prisoners of war, that they could have them released from confinement by applying to him and paying ten dollars in each case. He gave this address which I have in his own hand writing: C. O'LEARY, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C. I make this matter public from motives of humanity. During the last year I have made many applications for the discharge of prisoners of war upon the terms mentioned in the above order of the President, but in no instance have I been successful. I have often written to the friends and kindred of prisoners that there was no end to their captivity but peace. I rejoice, however, to be able at last, to inform those who feel an interest in the matter, that a cheap and expeditious remedy is within their power. Commissioners of Exchange may disagree, Butler may boggle about his negroes, but ten dollars enclosed to "C. O'Leary, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.," will restore any repentant rebel to the blessing of freedom and the society of friends.

Ed. BETHUNE, Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, 1865.

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