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Description: George F. Shepley wrote to Benjamin F. Butler to resign his appointment as military commandant of New Orleans.

Head Quarters Military Commandant of New Orleans, City Hall, day of 186 Copy

General,

Having been commissioned by the President of the United States, as Military Governor of Louisiana, I have the honor respectfully to resign the office of Military Commandant of New Orleans, which I hold under your appointment.

This resignation to take effect on the appointment of my successor. –

I avail myself of this occasion to express to you my most sincere gratitude for the constant and uninterrupted confidence you have reposed in me, and your many and oft repeated acts of kindness and courtesy. Since I have had the honor to serve under your command. —

If in the discharge of the arduous and frequently difficult and intricate duties which you have been pleased to devolve upon me, I have in any degree contributed to the success of your brilliant achievements and your successful, firm, and humane administration of the Department of the Gulf, it will be one of the proudest, as the remembrance

of your many kindnesses will be one of the most pleasant memories of my life.

With great respect
I have the honor to be
Your obed^t Servant

Military Governor of, Louisiana

Major Gen¹. B.F. Butler Commanding Department of the Gulf