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IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGE.

General Hooker Relieved and General Meade Appointed to the Command of the Army of the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, June 28—10:20 P. M.

The following is from your special correspondent, dated Frederick, June 28:—

General Hooker was this morning relieved of the command of the Army of the Potomac. General Meade succeeds him. General Hooker is relieved at his own request.

General Hooker leaves this afternoon for Baltimore.

It is reported that the rebels are in occupation of York and Hanover Junction, on the Northern Central Railroad. Lee's headquarters were yesterday at Hagerstown. Longstreet's corps crossed yesterday at Williamsport.

Everything is working well with us.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, June 28, 1863.

This morning Colonel Hardie arrived here by special train from Washington, as a bearer of despatches, relieving General Hooker from the command of the Army of the Potomac, and appointing Major General Meade, commanding the Fifth corps, his successor. Soon after the reception of the orders at headquarters, General Hooker issued the following address:—

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF GENERAL HOOKER.

GENERAL ORDER—NO. 66.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, FREDERICK, Md., June 28, 1863.

In conformity with the orders of the War Department, dated June 27, 1863, I relinquish the command of the Army of the Potomac. It is transferred to Major General George G. Meade, a brave and accomplished officer, who has nobly earned the confidence and esteem of the army on many a well fought field. Impressed with the belief that my usefulness as the commander of the Army of the Potomac is impaired, I part from it, yet not without the deepest emotion. The sorrow of parting with the comrades of so many battles is relieved by the conviction that the courage and devotion of this army will never cease nor fail; that it will yield to my successor, as it has to me, a willing and hearty support. With the earnest prayer that the triumph of its arms may bring successes worthy of it and the nation, I bid it farewell.

JOSEPH HOOKER, Major General.

S. F. BARTOW, Acting Adjutant General.

ADDRESS OF GENERAL MEADE ON TAKING COMMAND OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

This order was followed by the subjoined address from General Meade:—

GENERAL ORDER—NO. 66.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, June 28, 1863.

By direction of the President of the United States, I hereby assume command of the Army of the Potomac. As a soldier, in obeying this order, an order totally unexpected and unsolicited, I have no promises or pledges to make. The country looks to this army to relieve it from the devastation and disgrace of a hostile invasion. Whatever fatigues and sacrifices we may be called upon to undergo, let us have in view constantly the magnitude of the interests involved, and let each man determine to do his duty, leaving to an all controlling Providence the decision of the contest. It is with just diffidence that I relieve in the command of this army an eminent and accomplished soldier, whose name must ever appear conspicuous in the history of its achievements; but I rely upon the hearty support of my companions in arms to assist me in the discharge of the duties of the important trust which has been confided to me.

GEORGE G. MEADE, Major General Commanding.

S. F. BARTOW, Assistant Adjutant General.

Nothing could have exceeded the surprise occasioned by this announcement. The first rumors of the change were scarcely credited, and it was not until the appearance of the farewell address of General Hooker that the report was generally believed.

Patrick, Reserve Corps, Beaver, Reynolds, Meade, Sickles, Birney, Sickles, Pleasanton, Stuart, Gregg, Buford, Kilpatrick, Custer, Pleasanton, Stahel, Schenck, Milroy, Tyler, Keyes, Couch, Smith, Franklin, Slocum, Howe, Sedgwick, Newton, Reynolds, Meade, Pennsylvania militia, Halleck, Lee, Longstreet, Ewell, Hill, Hooker, Meade, Stuart, Early, Imboden, Jenkins, Gordon, Longstreet, Ewell, Hill, Pickett, Pettigrew, Johnson, Rodes, Early, Hampton, Fitzhugh Lee, Lomax