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Near Cartersville
Cumberland Co, Va, 31 July 1865

I am desirous that the bravery and devotion of the Army of N. Va. be correctly transmitted to posterity. This is the only tribute that can now be paid to the worth of its noble officers and soldiers; and I am anxious to collect the necessary information for the history of its campaigns, including the operations in the valley and western Va., from its organization to its final surrender.

I have copies of my reports of the battles, commencing with those around Richmond in '62, to the end of the Penna campaign; but no report of the campaign in '64, and of the operations of the winter of 1864 - '65, to the 1st Apl. '65, has been written; and the Corps and Division reports for that period of the operations of your command within the period specified (from 1st May '64 to 1st Apl '65), or should you be able to renew them I will be greatly obliged to you to send them to me. Should you be able to procure reports of other commands, returns of the effective strength of the army at any of the battles from the 1st Manassas to the 1st Apl. '65, or copies of my official orders, letters etc, you will confer an additional favor by sending them to me.

Very respectfully & truly

R E Lee