

eating any subject of impropriety; and on his part, that he should certainly do so, with a due regard to the liberality of your conduct; he hoped the subject was at rest—I took my leave.

I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully,  
Your most obedient servant,

JOHN MYERS,

*Captain and Aid-de-camp.*

*Brigadier General Robert B. Taylor, Norfolk.*

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*Extracts of a letter from General Taylor to Sir Sidney Beckwith, Quarter Master General, commanding the land force of H. B. M. at Hampton Roads, dated Headquarters, July 5, 1813.*

“I have now the honor to transmit to you the proceedings of the board of officers convened to inquire into the transactions at Craney Island. They doubtless will convince you that in that affair the American troops merited no censure; that their conduct was distinguished by humanity and magnanimity; and that the distance to which you were removed from the scene, by rendering it impossible that you could be informed of the motives of their conduct, unhappily led you to draw conclusions equally mistaken and unmerited.

“You have done me the justice to declare that the measures pursued by me, evince a disposition to permit in my troops no abuses on humanity or the laws of authorised war. As I cannot doubt the existence of similar sentiments with you, I have a right to expect on your part, measures equally decisive and unambiguous. If I have deemed it needful to forbid openly to my whole army all acts of impropriety, and to direct a public investigation of charges believed to be unmerited, but having the sanction of your imputation, I put it to your candor to determine, if excesses in your troops, admitted by yourself, and some of them of the most atrocious character, should pass unnoticed. My conduct and your declarations, give me a claim to ask that these excesses be punished. Your army will then learn the abhorrence you feel for such acts, and be restrained by the fear of