

To His Excellency

Gov A G Magrath

Chester 20 Apr 1865

11 O.A.M

E. W. Courier has

reached here at day light this morning - he has come from Springs place near the Catawba Bridge - he is the Bearer of Despatches addressed to Genl Chesnut - He left Springs place at 10 A.M. of this date. The dispatch is addressed to Brig Genl Chesnut for Commanding of Chester & C. Pap Courier. If interrupted by the U.S. forces it is respectfully requested that it be communicated to Genl Stoneman and regarded by him as sufficient notification of the Armistice.

J. Thaddeus Wm. Sta.
Mayor

We have kept the Courier & the dispatch and sent after Chesnut - We have not as yet opened the paper - Catawba Bridge destroyed the Guard there paroled - They represent the Ransoming force at 200 or 250 the courier says the enemy has not been at Rock Hill - they are heading for York - Very few of the male captives still here

Very truly
Thos. H. Brown
E. W. Marshall

P.S. we have been permitted to send a dispatch directed ^{to} Genl Chesnut. that he must inform Genl. Gilmore that a truce of 48 hours had been agreed on between Genl. Johnston and Genl. Sherman for a final settlement. opposing forces to occupy their respective positions until notified of suspension of host.

~~Post Office~~ - telegraph dated
Winstone N.C. 19th April 1865 -
E. W. Mansfield
Chap. M. Brown