

**MARINE CORPS MUSEUM
QUANTICO, VA.**

**JOHN LLOYD
BROOME**

1849 - 1898



Manuscript Register Series

NUMBER SIX

REGISTER

OF THE

JOHN LLOYD BROOME PAPERS

1849 - 1898

(P. C. 50)

IN THE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MUSEUM

QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

COMPILED BY

DORIS S. DAVIS

FOREWORD

In 1967 the Marine Corps Museum implemented a program designed to acquire and preserve the personal papers of former Marines for future students of history. A substantial number of collections were subsequently located and acquired, and the program continues to expand apace. Many of the Manuscripts have an appeal beyond the confines of Marine Corps history, and it is toward these that the Museum addressed its initial efforts. In order to introduce the collections to the academic community so that they may be exploited to add to the body of knowledge of the development of our country, the Register Series was begun. It is hoped that this series will stimulate scholars to investigate this virgin field of military manuscripts in the pursuit of authenticity, accuracy, and involvement.

David E. Schwulst
Colonel, USMC
Director
Marine Corps Museums

Accessions Information

The John Lloyd Broome Papers were donated to the United States Marine Corps in memory of Josephine Broome Schilling, granddaughter of John Lloyd Broome by his great grandchildren: Josephine Clemens, Barbara Long, Roland Schilling, and Columba Broome O'Gorman, 2 December 1960.

Physical Description

Approximately one hundred and twenty (120) items, consisting of incoming and outgoing correspondence, commissions, duty orders, reports, and miscellaneous records.

Table of Contents

Foreword

Introduction

Biographical Sketch

Table of Arrangement of Collection

Literary Rights

Description

Appendix A: A Partial Chronology of the Life of John Lloyd Broome

Appendix B: Sources and References

INTRODUCTION

The John L. Broome papers were acquired by the Marine Corps Museum in 1960 and are of considerable utility in documenting the duties of shipboard Marine detachments during the period of the American Civil War.

Broome's career spanned the period from the Mexican War, 1848, through 1888 and he saw duty in the Mexican War, the American Civil War and in the New York Whiskey riots of 1868.

The collection is composed primarily of Broome's official correspondence including his orders to various duty stations, his reports of assignments, letters of commendation and the like. Of particular interest is a letter to Admiral Walke written in 1878 concerning the details of Broome's conversation with General U. S. Grant about the seige of Vicksburg. Also notable are the letters of commendation for Broome's assistance in the New York illicit distillery suppression of 1868. Although Broome himself has little to say on the subject, the commendations give a good deal of insight into the incident.

The collection also has the wider usefulness of documenting the life of a typical mid-19th century career military officer.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Lloyd Broome, scion of a distinguished New York family, was born in New York City March 8, 1824. His father was John Lloyd Broome of New York City and Broome County, his grandfather was Lieutenant Governor John Broome of New York for whom Broome County of that state was named.

Broome went to sea at an early age and had risen to second officer on a Blackball Line clipper ship sailing off China when the Mexican War began. Upon receiving news of the declaration of war, Broome immediately took ship for the United States and upon his arrival, was on 12 January 1842 appointed a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

He sailed from New York City in March 1848 and upon his arrival in Mexico was attached to Company C, Second Battalion. During the Mexican War, Broome saw action at Vera Cruz, Alvarado, and Laguna.

Following the war Broome served in the usual round of assignments common to a Marine Officer of the mid-19th century, including both shipboard and shore duties. In May 1851 he was publicly commended for his leadership while commanding the launch of the USS MARION in a successful attempt to carry that vessel's anchor through boiling surf at Tam Sui, Formosa on the occasion of the MARION's grounding on those shores.

Broome was promoted to First Lieutenant on September 28, 1851. At the outset of the American Civil War, he served on the USS POWHATAN and subsequently on Farragut's flagship, USS HARTFORD. He was promoted to Captain July 26, 1861 and the following year he was brevetted to Major for his distinguished service at the capture of New Orleans. Broome also served with distinction in the battles of Forts Jackson, and St. Philip, Chalmette, Vicksburg, Donaldsonville, Port Hudson, Grand Bluff, Warrenton, and Grand Gulf. On March 14, 1863 he was brevetted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and the following year he received a permanent promotion to Major.

Following the war, Broome served at the Marine Barracks at New York, Portsmouth and Norfolk. He commanded the Marine detachment that supported officials of the Internal Revenue Service during their raids on illegal whiskey stills in Brooklyn during 1868 and 1870. The Marines were employed extensively in helping to suppress the illicit whiskey traffic.

After a full and active career, Broome retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on 8 March 1888. Ten years later, he died at Binghamton, New York at the age of 74.

On May 14, 1919, DD 210, the US Navy Destroyer BROOME was launched at Philadelphia and served her country well until she was decommissioned 20 May 1946.

TABLE OF ARRANGEMENT OF COLLECTION

FOLDERS

<u>Nos.</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Official Letters: 1849-1854
2	Official Letters: 1855-1859
3	Official Letters: 1860-1861
4	Official Letters: 1862-1863
5	Official Letters: 1864-1868
6	Official Letters: 1870-1871
7	Official Letters: 1872-1879
8	Official Letters: 1880-1885
9	Official Letters: 1886-1888
10	Official Letters: 1890-1895
11	Official Letters: 1898 & Undated

LITERARY RIGHTS

Literary rights to the contents of this collection derive from the principle of common law that the writer of an unpublished letter or other manuscript has the sole right to publish the contents thereof, unless he affirmatively parts with the right; the right descends to his legal heirs regardless of the ownership of the physical manuscript itself. It is the responsibility of an author or his publisher to secure the permission of the owner of literary property rights in unpublished writings.

Curator of Manuscripts

Folder 1

1849 11 September. J. Prescott Hall, U. S. Attorney, District of New York to Lieutenant John L. Broome.

Letter of approbation regarding his conduct on board the Steamer NEW ORLEANS.

18 October. P. G. Howle, Adjutant and Inspector, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn, New York.

To be detached from Sloop-of-War VINCENNES after having been pronounced unfit for duty by the Surgeon; report to Brevet Lieutenant Colonel William Dulany at Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, New York for further orders.

1852 22 June. W. M. Glendy, USS MARION, New York to Broome, Commanding Marine Guard, USS MARION.

Cruise about to terminate, he is commended for his conduct as an officer.

9 December. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York approved by John P. Kennedy.

To receive from Lieutenant Colonel Dulany 15 privates; proceed on Monday next to Philadelphia to pick up 5 more privates; then proceed to Norfolk and deliver them to be part of the Guard of the U. S. Frigate COLUMBIA; then return to your post.

1854 23 September. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York - approved by J. C. Dobbin.

Orders to report by 1 October next to the Naval Commandant, Boston to take command as Marine Officer of the Guard of Marines on board Sloop-of-War JOHN ADAMS; returns to the staff to be made as regularly as possible.

Folder 2

1855 4 February. Broome, Commanding Marines, U. S. Ship JOHN ADAMS to Commodore W. Meruene, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Squadron.

A report of several cases of improper actions toward him by Lieutenant Shottuck under the command of Captain Boutwell; feels action should be taken; he requests to be relieved from command of Marine Guard on board the Ship JOHN ADAMS and to receive orders for duty on board the Flag Ship INDEPENDENCE.

4 August. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn, New York.

Folder 2 (Cont'd)

1855 4 August. (Cont'd)

Refers to his letter of 3rd Inst., is instructed by the Department to place him on leave of absence.

1856 30 January. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Headquarters.

Orders to proceed to Boston and report to Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Dulany for duty.

25 March. J. C. Dobbin, Navy Department to Broome, Boston.

Refers to letter of 17th Inst. with enclosures; explanation and statements in reply to charges brought by Commodore Boutwell appear satisfactory.

13 June. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Boston.

Refers to letter of 9th Inst.; is obliged by Surgeon's certificate to direct him to proceed to Norfolk to Commandant of Naval Station for treatment in Naval Hospital until he recovers sufficiently to return to duty.

1 August. Charles Welsh, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department to Broome, Norfolk.

Appointment as Judge Advocate of a Marine Court of Inquiry ordered to convene at Navy Yard, Norfolk on the 17th Inst.; to report in person to President of the Court; encloses blank subpoenas.

17 September. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Norfolk.

When guard of the Saint LAWRENCE joins the ship, he is to report to the Naval Commandant as junior Marine Officer of the Guard.

Forwarded on 19th September by Brevet Major J. Zeilin.

4 October. Samuel Barrington, Fleet Surgeon, William F. McClennaha, Surgeon and D. S. Green, Surgeon, U. S. Naval Hospital to Captain J. B. Hull, U. S. Frigate Saint LAWRENCE.

Refers to orders of 3rd Inst. requesting a "careful survey" of Lieutenant John L. Broome, a patient at Hospital under orders to U. S. Frigate Saint LAWRENCE; they are of opinion that he is unfit for service; disease is of neuralgic character; causes unknown, duration unpredicted and no evidence that it originated in line of duty.

Folder 2 (Cont'd)

1856 6 October. Charles W. Welsh, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department to Broome, Naval Hospital near Norfolk.

Orders to Frigate Saint LAWRENCE revoked; to remain at Naval Hospital until further orders from the Department.

17 November. J. C. Dobbin, Navy Department to Broome, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Reported discharged from hospital by Surgeon Lewis Minor; order directing him to stay there is revoked.

19 December. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Headquarters.

Orders to proceed to Philadelphia and report to Major English.

1857 12 September. Commander Henry K. Hoff, U. S. Ship JOHN ADAMS, Bay of Panama to Broome, U.S.S. JOHN ADAMS.

Orders to take charge of department of Purser Henry Myers, who has been surveyed for bad health.

1858 1 May. Thomas A. Doenud, Commandant, Commandant's Office, Navy Yard, Gosport, Virginia to Acting Purser Broome, U. S. Ship JOHN ADAMS, Navy Yard, Gosport, Virginia.

To make accounts of the crew of the ship up to 6th Inst.; transfer payrolls to Purser Ware for paying off.

Undated. "U. S. Navy Department in account current with Lieutenant John L. Broome, Acting Purser U. S. Ship JOHN ADAMS.

18 May. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Refers to letter with enclosures received; pleased to hear of faithful performance of Guard of Marines on the Ship of War.

14 June. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Orders to proceed to Norfolk; report to Naval Commandant as Marine officer to take command of Marines on board the Receiving Ship PENNSYLVANIA.

9 August. BvtBrigGenCmdt Archibald Henderson, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Commanding Marines Receiving Ship PENNSYLVANIA, Norfolk.

Folder 2 (Cont'd)

1858 9 August. (Cont'd)

Captain Rich being ordered to the SABINE; Major Marston absent, he is to give daily attention to the duty at the Barracks until Major Marston's return.

9 August. Thomas A. Darnerd, Commandant, Navy Yard, Gosport to Broome in charge of Barracks, Navy Yard, Gosport.

Encloses letter from Department to Second Lieutenant John O. Payne which he is to read and forward.

3 September. Isaac Toucey, Navy Department to Broome, Norfolk.

Refers to letter of 1st Inst.; Department regards him on duty during period he was settling his accounts as Acting Purser of the JOHN ADAMS.

1859 10 February. Isaac Toucey, Navy Department to Broome, Washington, D. C.

Leave of absence extended to 10 March.

7 April. ColCmdt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Commanding Marines, U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, Gosport.

Orders to proceed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire and report on 25 Inst. as officer detailed to command the Guard of Marines on board Sloop-of-War PORTSMOUTH.

Folder 3

1860 7 April. Commission for John L. Broome as a Captain in the Marine Corps from 26 July 1861 signed by Gideon Welles.

1861 14 January. Broome, Brooklyn, New York to Colonel John Harris, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Arrived from Savannah last evening; encloses copy of order from Captain Dornin under which he was transferred from the SAN JACINTO to the BONITO; is ready to return to his post.

17 January. ColCmdt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Leave of absence granted for 1 month; then to report to Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Dulany for duty on Boston Station.

4 April. ColCmdt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Orders to report to Naval Commandant of New York Station as Officer to Command the Guard of the U. S. Steamer POWHATAN.

Folder 3 (Cont'd)

1861 27 May. David D. Porter, U.S.S. POWHATAN to Broome, Commanding Marines, U.S.S. POWHATAN.

Orders for him to exercise the Marines at the great guns and with muskets.

6 June. Captain William W. McKean, Senior Officer, U. S. Steam Frigate NIAGARA off Mobile to Broome, U.S.S. Steamer POWHATAN off mouth of Mississippi River.

Since he refused to take the oath of allegiance, is to be detached from the POWHATAN; to report to Commander Glissen on board Steamer MT. VERNON for passage and when he arrives in port report to Senior Naval Officer.

8 June. David D. Porter, Lieutenant Commanding, U. S. Steam Sloop POWHATAN, off SouthWest Pass to Captain William W. McKean, Commanding, U. S. Steam Frigate NIAGARA off Mobile.

Received communication addressed to Lieutenant Broome instructing him to report to Commander Glissen for passage to New York; says that Broome took oath of allegiance (copy enclosed) on 27 May and sent it to the Secretary of the Navy; having no form to guide him, Broome acted in good faith.

(Copy of oath sworn to 11 June 1861 signed by Broome.)

28 June. Gideon Welles, Navy Department to George T. Broome, Esq, 200 Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Received letter of 25 Inst. enclosing letter from Lieutenant John L. Broome; states Department does not doubt his loyalty.

24 July. David D. Porter, Lieutenant Commanding, U. S. Ship POWHATAN, SouthWest Pass to Honorable Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

Encloses copy of letter he wrote to Captain McKean regarding Lieutenant Broome; attests to his loyalty to the United States.

2 August. David D. Porter, Lieutenant Commanding, U. S. Ship POWHATAN off SouthWest Pass, Mississippi to Broome.

Surgeon Wilson feels he should return to Hospital to obtain treatment; may take passage via Key West at which point endeavor to communicate with Flag Officer for further instructions.

9 August. William Meruine, Flag Officer Commanding, Gulf Blockading Squadron, U. S. Flag Ship COLORADO to Broome.

Folder 3 (Cont'd)

1861 9 August. (Cont'd)

Proceed to Schooner SAM HOUSTON in SouthWest Pass of the Mississippi River and report to Lieutenant Commander D. D. Porter for duty on board the POWHATAN; if his health again renders necessary his return north, to report to him to be sent home.

24 September. Gideon Welles, Navy Department to Broome, Washington.

Department approves of his return to the United States.

29 October. Statement by Surgeon John A. Lockwood, Naval Hospital, New York in a letter dated 27 October that Broome is greatly improved "both in mind and body."

7 November. P. J. Woodbury, Judge Advocate, Brooklyn, New York to Broome.

Summons to appear at Marine Barracks, New York before a board assembled by Secretary of the Navy under the direction of President of the United States pursuant to "an act providing for the better organization of the Military Establishment" approved 3 August 1861.

7 November. P. J. Woodbury, Judge Advocate, Brooklyn, New York to Broome, Washington.

Copy of previous letter.

11 November. W. W. Whelan, Chief of Bureau, N. Pinekney, Surgeon U. S. Navy and P. J. Huruitez, Surgeon, U. S. Navy, Navy Department, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to Honorable Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

A statement attesting to fact that Broome is physically and mentally able to perform duties of the Corps.

Folder 4

1862 7 November. Broome, Commanding Marines Gulf Squadron U. S. Flagship HARTFORD off New Orleans to Colonel Commandant of the Marines.

A report of the part taken by U. S. Marines of the fleet under command of Admiral Farragut in approaches to and at New Orleans in April.

18 November. ColCmdt John Harris, Headquarters, Marine Corps to Broome, Commanding Marines, U.S.S. HARTFORD.

Refers to letter of 28 October to Honorable Secretary of the Navy complaining about sending Captain Graham, who is his senior in rank,

Folder 4 (Cont'd)

1862 18 November. (Cont'd)

in the COLORADO, feels he has no cause for complaint and since the HARTFORD will soon be coming home, declines to relieve him.

11 December. Broome, Commanding Marines, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD, New Orleans to Captain J. S. Palmer, Commanding the Flagship HARTFORD.

A report that a number of quarterdeck guards were ordered by Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander Kimberly to scrape the gun carriages; asks the Captain to excuse them; has never known Marines to have to do this type of work.

12 December. Captain J. S. Palmer, U. S. S. HARTFORD, New Orleans to Broome, Commanding Marines.

Orders that the Marines detailed for service at the guns will continue to perform such duties.

1863 15 January. Broome, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD, New Orleans to Cobart Berrin, Esq, Fourth Auditor, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Regarding overpayment of \$255.00.

1 February. Broome, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD, New Orleans to Honorable Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

Refers to his letter to the Department and Colonel Harris' reply regarding his duty on the COLORADO; asks for consideration for his complaint that he remain as Senior Marine Officer of the Squadron and that Captain Graham be detached from the COLORADO or that he be assigned other duty.

16 March. Broome, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD, off Red River to Col John Harris, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

Report of bravery of Marines under his command in naval action with Batteries at Port Hudson; has received praise of Admiral Farragut; commends Lieutenant John Higbee as a promising young officer.

10 April. ColCmdt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD, Western Gulf Squadron.

Reply to Broome's letter praising the Marines.

10 August. Rear Admiral D. E. Farragut, U. S. Flagship HARTFORD to Broome.

Folder 4 (Cont'd)

1863 10 August. (Cont'd)

Orders to report to Commanding Officer of Marines at Brooklyn Barracks to await further orders; hereby detached from the HARTFORD.

28 August. ColCmndt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Orders to report to Captain Grayson and Admiral Paulding for duty on New York Station.

24 October. ColCmndt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

Orders to take passage on the next U. S. Mail Steamer for California; report to Major Garland for duty at Mare Island.

28 October. ColCmndt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

Refers to Broome's letter requesting extension of time of departure; asks that he go on first steamer, if possible, as he is needed in California.

5 November. Broome, Brooklyn to Honorable Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy.

Appeals for his orders to Mare Island be revoked; asks that he be assigned to any sea vessel; enumerates his past services.

9 November. ColCmndt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

Orders to Mare Island revoked; proceed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire and report to Lieutenant Colonel Marston for duty to relieve Captain Fendall.

18 December. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy to Broome, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Appointed as member of Court of Inquiry.

Folder 5

1864 21 January. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy to Broome.

Appointment as member of Court of Inquiry.

Folder 5 (Cont'd)

1864 11 February. ColCmndt John Harris, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, New York.

Refers to Broome's letter of 8th Inst. requesting permission to change with Captain Wlesh and remain in New York; gives his consent.

3 August. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy to Broome, New York.

Appointed member of general Court Martial to convene on 11 August.

21 October. ColCmndt J. Zeilin, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

As requested a leave of absence is granted.

1868 14 April. Collector 3rd District, U. S. Internal Revenue, New York to LtCol Broome, Navy Yard.

Cannot resume suppressing illicit distillation so does not require Broome's forces; thanks him for his assistance.

Folder 6

1870 28 March. Michael Scanlon, Assessor, U. S. Internal Revenue, 3rd District, New York to Admiral Godon, Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Letter of appreciation and thanks for Colonel Broome, his officers and men and Captain Benham for their assistance.

29 March. S. W. Gordon, Commandant, Navy Yard, New York to Honorable George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy.

Letter of praise for Colonel Broome and his men for assistance to Internal Revenue office in destroying illicit distilleries.

21 May. Thornton, House of Representatives, "Kearsarge" Bay of Callao to Broome.

Expresses desire to renew old associations and congratulate him on Brevet promotion.

12 July. An official notice signed by George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy to convene a general Court Martial on 14 July for trial of Pvt Edwin Stubbs; Broome appointed a member.

2 November. (?) Smith, Commandant, Navy Yard, New York to Broome, Marine Barracks, New York.

Folder 6 (Cont'd)

1870 2 November. (Cont'd)

Upon arrival of forces mentioned in Army Special Orders 215, to report to Commanding Officer, Colonel Le Vodges and place detachment under his orders; when services are no longer required return to New York.

9 November. J. H. (?), Adjutant, 1st Artillery, Fort Hamilton to Broome, Brooklyn.

Letter of appreciation to enlisted men for their services.

17 November. BrigGenCmdt J. Zeilin, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

Letter of praise to he and his men for their outstanding services.

(Original signed letter and a typed copy.)

1871 24 January. BrigGenCmdt J. Zeilin, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Brooklyn.

Refers to letter of 20th Inst. reporting operations of detachment of Marines on 12 and 13 January; meets with his entire approbation.

3 March. A. Pleasinton, Commissioner, Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Bureau, Washington to the President.

Request that Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Broome be retained on duty in New York.

19 July. A. Pleasinton, Commissioner, Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Bureau, Washington to Broome, Brooklyn.

Thanks for assistance on morning of 14th Inst.

15 July. J. Bourdan (?), Assessor, U.S. Internal Revenue, 1st District, New York to Admiral M. Smith, Commanding at New York Naval Yard.

Letter of appreciation for his help and that of Colonel Broome and his men for "last effort on the Whiskey Makers in the 5th Ward."

25 July. BrigGenCmdt J. Zeilin to Broome, Brooklyn.

Letter of appreciation to Broome and his men for assistance rendered Internal Revenue Service.

19 October. RAdm Smith, Commandant's Office, Navy Yard, New York to Broome.

Another letter of thanks and commendation.

Folder 6 (Cont'd)

1871 27 November. (?) Kalbfleury (?), Mayor, Brooklyn to Broome.

Asks if he can get ticket for ball for his granddaughter.

Folder 7

1872 22 August. A. (?) Case, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department, Washington to Broome, Marine Barracks, Brooklyn.

Orders to proceed to Philadelphia, Albany and Boston to examine the prisons for the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

20 September. A. (?) Case, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department, Washington to Broome, Marine Barracks, Brooklyn.

Orders to Philadelphia, Auburn, New York Sing Sing and Weathersfield, Connecticut to examine prisons for Bureau of Yards and Docks.

1874 5 March. Virginia L. Farragut, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. to Broome.

Letter of recommendation for Broome in case he intends to apply for position held by General Zeilin.

16 November. BrigGenCmdt J. Zeilin to Broome, Brooklyn.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 14th Inst. enclosing letters of appreciation from Honorable George M Robeson and Honorable J. M Douglass.

21 December. (?) Mereer, Vice Admiral Commanding Navy Yard, New York to Broome.

Letter of appreciation for detachment of Marines who responded so promptly to the alarm of fire.

21 December. S. R. Harlow, U. S. Marshall, U. S. Marshall's office, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn to Admiral Rowan, Commandant of Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Letter of appreciation for valuable assistance on 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of November last in guarding and protecting property.

(2 copies)

1875 13 September. Broome, Marine Garrison, Brooklyn to Honorable Gideon Welles, Executive Secretary of the Navy, Hartford, Connecticut.

A lengthy 7 page report on the capture of New Orleans.

Folder 7 (Cont'd)

1876 7 November. L. R. Dutcher, Supervisor, U. S. Internal Revenue Service, New York to Rear Admiral Smith, Commanding Marine Station, New York.

Letter of appreciation for Colonel Broome and his Marines who assisted in the raid on the violators of the Revenue laws in Brooklyn.

1877 17 April. (?) to Honorable R. W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy.

Request that Colonel J. L. Broome not be removed from New York as no other officer could fill the requirements of the position.

1878 3 January. Commodore Commandant Nicholson, Commandant's Office, Navy Yard, New York to Broome, Commanding Marine Barracks.

Appreciation for prompt response of Colonel Broome, Officers and enlisted men to alarm of fire at Commandant's House on 3rd Inst.

12 January. Gideon Welles, Hartford to Broome.

Regarding advice sent from Admiral Farragut by Broome and Paymaster Meredith to General Grant re capture of Vicksburg.

(Original letter and a typed copy including a letter dated 30 October 1874 from Paymaster William Meredith to Colonel Broome regarding his advice to General Grant to attack below Vicksburg.)

13 February. R. W. Shufeldt, Chief of Bureau, Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, Washington to Broome, Commanding Marines, Navy Yard, New York.

Refers to letter of 11th Inst. and reports on examination of prisons.

1879 20 February. (?) Nicholson, Washington, D. C. to Broome.

Has heard a report that he is working in opposition to a bill now before Congress regarding rank in the Marine Corps; asks what his objections are in this regard.

15 April. Appointment of John L. Broome to Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps as of 9 April 1879.

24 October. Receipt for various weapons from Broome, signed by (?) Matthews, Commander, United States Navy and Inspector of Ordnance.

Folder 8

1880 7 December. R. W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy to Broome, Commanding Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia.

Notice of dissolving of Court of Inquiry.

Folder 8 (Cont'd)

1881 17 January. Major (?) Nicholson, United States Marine Corps, Adjutant and Inspector, Washington, D. C.

List of shore service of Lieutenant Colonel John Broome from his entry into the service.

12 March. Major (?) Nicholson, Adjutant and Inspector, Headquarters Marine Corps to Broome, Commanding Marines, Norfolk, Virginia.

Orders to be detached from Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia; proceed to Brooklyn, New York to report to Commandant of that station.

16 July. John H. Walker, Grand Marshall, Brooklyn, New York to the Honorable William Hurst, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

Letter of appreciation for services of Colonel Broome and his Marines in Decorations Day Parade.

1882 24 November. J. W. Hopkins (?), Commandant, Navy Yard, New York to Broome, Navy Yard, New York.

Request for 3 commissioned officers below rank of Major to be detailed to Navy Yard for duty.

1883 22 December. Broome to Rear Admiral J. W. Livingston, United States Navy, New York.

Recollection of events of a night in month of February 1865 of an attack to be made by Rebel Army on Naval Station at Mound City; recalls his part in carrying out the Admiral's orders.

A statement at end of letter by Rear Admiral Livingston dated 19 January 1884 attesting to above statement and expressing his appreciation.

1884 25 March. (?) Auditor, Treasury Department to Broome, Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Refers to letter of 12th Inst. requesting consideration for 3 months extra pay for services in War with Mexico; case to be investigated.

20 December. (?) McRitchie (?), Wiscosset, Maine to Broome, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Hopes Broome has not given up idea of going for Commandant; feels no one more justly entitled to the position; urges him to make use of his friends in the Navy.

Folder 8 (Cont'd)

1885 22 March. Broome, Boston to Rear Admiral Henry Walke, U. S. Navy.

A six page typewritten letter regarding his conversation with General Grant concerning Vicksburg.

April. Broome, Commanding Marines, Boston to Honorable W. C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

(Last two paragraphs of a letter - first part missing.)

23 April. W. C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C. to Broome, Commanding Marine Barracks, Boston.

Refers to letter of 3rd Inst. volunteering services for command of Marine battalion on the Isthmus of Panama.

Folder 9

1886 Original handwritten and 4 copies of a petition signed by eleven officers attesting to his meritorious service and asking that he be given consideration in his request to be made junior Colonel.

3 April. W. C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy to General Horatio C. King, Counsel for LtCol Broome.

Refers to statement of claim of Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Broome for promotion to rank of junior Colonel; Department is of the opinion that it cannot properly act upon that claim.

6 April. Horatio C. King, Counsellor at Law, Bareel Building, Number 115 Broadway, New York to Broome.

Had a full hearing with Secretary Whitney regarding his application for promotion; did not see how they could go back on action of Secretary Welles; says he has no objection to his appealing to the President; promised decision in writing without delay.

1887 21 January. Unsigned letter to the Honorable J. M. Cockrell.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 15th Inst.; ammended bill he proposes would be best, however it could not possibly reach the Senate while still in session; he encloses bill proposed by Senate Naval Committee which if passed would make him a Colonel on the retired list; asks that he not do anything on the case until he sees the Honorable W. E. Robinson.

1888 3 January. (?) Famapel (?), 113 E. 36th Street to Broome.

Says letter from which extract was taken was written on 26 March 1863; does not know how he overlooked inserting the date; asks "What are you up to"?

Folder 9 (Cont'd)

1888 13 January. Admiral David Porter, U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C. to whom it may concern.

Certification that Lieutenant Colonel John L. Broome was recommended for promotion by board of Admirals of which he is only surviving member; feels he should be retired with the rank of Colonel; Admiral Farragut spoke of Broome in highest terms.

(3 copies)

13 March. W. E. Chandler, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. to Broome.

Bill passed through Senate Committee with great unanimity; Senator Gray pleased with interview; he will place bill on Senate calendar; suggests he now press matter in House Committee so that both branches may concur in passage of the bill.

22 March. Report #716, 50th Congress a Report (To accompany bill S. 1463).

A formal report that Broome was recommended for promotion; amendment authorizing the placing of Lieutenant Colonel Broome on the retired list as a Colonel.

Folder 10

1890 21 January. F. M. Cockrell, U. S. Senate to Broome.

Suggests his bill be sent to one of his own State Senator Evarls or Hiscock; has found no bill introduced in present Congress on his behalf.

1891 15 December. S. 848 - 52nd Congress - A Bill for the Relief of John L. Broome.

A Bill to place Broome on retired list as a Colonel.

1892 25 January. (?) (?), Chief of Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department to Broome (Retired) No. 147 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 20th Inst. applying for command of Marines who may be ordered to Chile in case of War; letter has been placed on file.

12 May. Calendar No. 700, Senate, 52nd Congress, A Report (to accompany S. 848) submitted by Mr. McPherson.

Another report regarding promotion of Broome to Colonel.

28 May. House of Representatives, 52nd Congress, A. Report (to accompany H. R. 702) submitted by Mr. McAleer.

1892 28 May. (Cont'd)

Again requesting passage of bill to promote Broome to Colonel.

2 June. William McAleer, Committee on Naval Affairs, House of Representatives to Broome.

Has requested Mr. Baumer to forward Report and Calendar; hopes he will soon receive justice due.

1893 1 September. Private Thomas Walsh, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Boston to Broome.

Requests a certification of his faithfulness in the performance of his duties as Chief Cook; to be surveyed for his health and a statement will help towards a larger pension.

6 September. Pvt. Thomas Walsh, Marine Barracks, Boston to Broome.

Acknowledges with heartfelt thanks his favor of the 4th Inst.

4 December. H. R. 4440, 53rd Congress, in the House of Representatives - A Bill for the relief of John L. Broome introduced by Mr. Magner.

Another bill regarding his promotion.

1894 20 February. Samuel Blackwell, Auditor, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. to Broome, 1309 - 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Refers to inquiry of 19th Inst.; has found no name of John L. Broome as Captain of a Company of New York Militia, War of 1812; requests name of some of members of the Company.

17 March. House of Representatives, 53rd Congress, A Report (to accompany H.R. 4440) submitted by Mr. Tyler.

A report on bill H.R. 4440 for relief of John L. Broome.

6 June. Edward Mathews, Secretary, Committee on Naval Affairs, U. S. Senate to Broome, Binghampton, New York.

Directed by Senator McPherson to acknowledge receipt of letter of 4th Inst.; states that Senator Gibson has bill already to report as soon as there is a meeting.

10 July. Edward Mathews, Committee on Naval Affairs, U. S. Senate to Broome, Binghampton, New York.

Folder 10 (Cont'd)

1894 10 July. (Cont'd)

Has received letter of 16th Inst.; has seen Senator Gibson who promises to report his bill at next meeting.

3 August. John Carver, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, House of Representatives to Broome.

Mr. Magner regrets that he has been unable to assist in urging Senator Gibson to report your case; has been unable to go to Washington because of illness.

1895 4 January. Calendar No. 761, Senate, 53rd Congress, A Report (to accompany S. 1193) submitted by Mr. Gibson.

Report on bill for relief of John L. Broome.

Folder 11

1898 12 May. ColCmndt Charles Heywood, Headquarters Marine Corps to George C. Broome, Metropolitan Club, Washington, D. C.

Authorization to report before a Board for appointment as acting second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Undated - Page 5 of a letter from David D. Porter to Broome regarding a book now at the publishers.

Undated - Claimant's Affidavit signed by William Conroy requesting consideration for a pension.

Undated - Clothing list issued by a Brevet Major George McGlassin.

APPENDIX A

A Partial Chronology of the Life of John L. Broome

- 1824 Mar 8 Born in New York City, son of John Lloyd Broome.
- 1848 Jan 12 Volunteered for service with U. S. Marine Corps and appointed a Second Lieutenant.
- 1848 Mar 1 Departed New York for duty with Company "C", 2d Battalion, U. S. Marines at Vera Cruz, Mexico.
- 1849 Oct 18 Ordered to duty at Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, New York.
- 1851 Sep 28 Promoted to First Lieutenant.
- 1854 Sep 23 Assigned as Marine Officer, Sloop-of-War JOHN ADAMS.
- 1856 Jan 30 Ordered to Marine Barracks, Boston for duty.
- 1861 Apr 4 Assigned as Marine Officer, USS POWHATAN.
- 1861 Jul 26 Promoted to Captain.
- 1861-1865 Served throughout the Civil War. Participated in the engagements against Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and was promoted Major, by brevet, for distinguished service rendered April 24, 1862. Commanded the battalion which disembarked from the Fleet on April 29, 1862, and took military possession of the City of New Orleans. Served until January 1, 1863, aboard the Flagship HARTFORD of the Western Gulf Squadron, and was wounded as the fleet, under Admiral Farragut, passed the Batteries at Vicksburg. Participated in the attack on Port Hudson on the 13th of March, 1863, and was promoted Lieutenant Colonel, by brevet, March 14, 1863.
- 1864 Dec 8 Promoted to permanent Major.
- 1874 Served at the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 1879 Mar 16 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
- 1879 Nov 1 Detached to Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia; joined November 6, 1879.
- 1881 Mar 14 Detached to Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, N. Y.; joined March 18, 1881.
- 1883 Feb 1 Detached from Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, N. Y. and granted leave of absence to await orders.

APPENDIX A (Cont'd)

1883 Sep 6	Ordered to Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, N. H.; joined October 1, 1883.
1885 Jan 31	Detached to Marine Barracks, Boston, Mass.; joined February 2, 1885.
1888 Mar 1	Detached to await orders retiring him from active duty.
1888 Mar 8	Placed on the retired list of officers of the Marine Corps.
1898 Apr 12	Died at Binghampton, New York.

APPENDIX B

Sources and References

- Edward William Callahan (ed.), List of Officers of the Navy of the United States and of the Marine Corps, from 1775 to 1900. . . ., New York: L. R. Hamersly & Company, 1901.
- Richard Strader Collum, History of the United States Marine Corps, New York: L. R. Hamersly Co., 1903. Pp. 430-449 include a "Register of Officers from 1798 to 1903" which has been used in several instances to identify Marine Officers mentioned in this description.
- Lewis Randolph Hamersly, Records of Living Officers of the U. S. Navy & Marine Corps, 4th ed., Philadelphia: Hamersly & Company, 1890.
- Robert Debs Heiml, Soldiers of the Sea: The United States Marine Corps, 1775-1962, Annapolis: United States Naval Institute, 1962.
- Allen Johnson and Dumas Malone (eds.), The Dictionary of American Biography, New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 20 volumes, 1943. Sketches of many of the more prominent officers represented in the Broome papers will be found in the Dictionary of American Biography, which is arranged alphabetically. Two supplements have also been published, and a recent one-volume Concise Dictionary of American Biography New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964, serves effectively as an index to both the main series and the supplements.
- U. S. Bureau of Naval Personnel. Register of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, 1814 - , Washington: 1814 -