

CW/VFM-50: *Kendlehart*

A letter addressed to “General Erley” (Jubal Early) from Kendlehart (presumably David Kendlehart) informing him that the citizens of Gettysburg are unable furnish the supplies demanded (listed above the letter), but that the citizens of the town will be required to furnish what they can and that stores will be required to open. Dated 26 June 1863.

Before the masses of armies arrived in Gettysburg, Confederate General Jubal Early began northward with his cavalry forces.

Because of Early’s advances north towards the southern border of Pennsylvania, Emergency Militia Regiments were formed, notably the 26th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia Regiment. Company A was comprised largely of Pennsylvania College students and alumni.

For more on Company A 26th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia Regiment, see **CWVFM-119**; *A Salutory Influence: Gettysburg College 1832-1985*, by Charles H. **Glatfelter**; *The Pennsylvania College Book, 1832-1882*, E. S. **Breidenbaugh**, ed.; *A History of Gettysburg College, 1832-1932*, by Samuel G. **Hefelbower**.

[*Transcription:*]

60 lb jerky
7000“ bacon
1200“
600“ Coffee
1000“ Salt
40

1000 Pairs Shoes
500 Hats

Gettysburg June 26/63

General Erley, Sir

The authorities of the borough of Gettysburg in answer to the demands made by you upon the said Borough and County, say their authority extends but to the Borough, that the requisitions asked for cannot be given, because it is utterly impossible to so comply – The quantities required are far beyond that in our possession.

In compliance however to the demands, we will require the stores to be opened, and all the citizens to furnish whatever they can of such provisions etc, as may be asked—further we cannot promise.

By authority of the Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, I herewith as President of said Board, attach my name.

Kendlehart

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