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**Administrative correspondence and related records A4106**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists mainly of incoming correspondence to the Quartermaster General's office but also includes copies of special orders and resolutions of the Military Board, invoices, vouchers, receipts, cancelled checks, inspection reports, and samples of cloth to be used in manufacturing uniforms. Much of the series deals with the procurement, inspection, issuance, and payment of uniforms, rations and tents during the Civil War. There is also a large amount of correspondence directed to "Acting Assistant Quartermaster General" Chester A. Arthur.
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## Arrangement

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Rough chronological order by year.

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## Administrative History

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According to the 1863 General Regulations for the Military Forces of the State of New York the main objectives of the Quartermaster's department were "to insure an efficient system of supply for the troops and to give facility and effect to the movements and operations of a force in service."

More specifically the Quartermaster's department was responsible for all tents and camp equipage and baggage trains; all laborers and persons serving the camp or with the trains; the

transportation of the troops and military stores; and providing quarters, forage, fuel, straw, and stationery for service in camp, garrison, and in the field.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists mainly of incoming correspondence to the Quartermaster General's office but also includes copies of special orders and resolutions of the Military Board, invoices, vouchers, receipts, cancelled checks, inspection reports, and samples of cloth to be used in manufacturing uniforms.

The subjects documented by this series clearly reflect the duties and functions of the Quartermaster General's Office. Much of the series deals with the procurement, inspection, issuance, and payment of uniforms, rations and tents obtained by the state during the Civil War. In addition, the series contains a large amount of correspondence directed to "Acting Assistant Quartermaster General" Chester A. Arthur reflecting his administrative duties during the first years of the war.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Correspondence is bundled together and the finding aid describes each bundle's contents.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

### Items Online

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## Access Terms

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- Military history
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Military supplies
- New York (State)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Military uniforms
- Operational rations (Military supplies)
- Supervising
- Armed Forces--Supplies and stores
- New York (State). Military Board
- New York (State). Military Department
- Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886.