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WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, June 29, 1864.

The painful duty devolves on the Department of announcing to the Army the death of Brigadier-General Joseph P. Taylor, Commissary-General of Subsistence, who expired this morning at his residence in this city.

General Taylor entered the service in May, 1813, as 3d Lieutenant of Infantry, and rose, step by step, to the highly honorable and responsible position which he held at the time of his death.

For more than half a century he pursued the path of professional duty with a devotion and singleness of purpose that won the respect of all who knew him. In all the relations of private life he was equally estimable. No man's integrity was more spotless. He was amiable, kind and courteous; a warm and sincere friend; esteemed for his good qualities, and admired for his virtues.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, the officers of the Subsistence Department will wear the prescribed badge of mourning for thirty days; and eleven minute-guns will be fired from the Washington Arsenal, commencing at 4½ o'clock, P. M., on Friday, July 1st.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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