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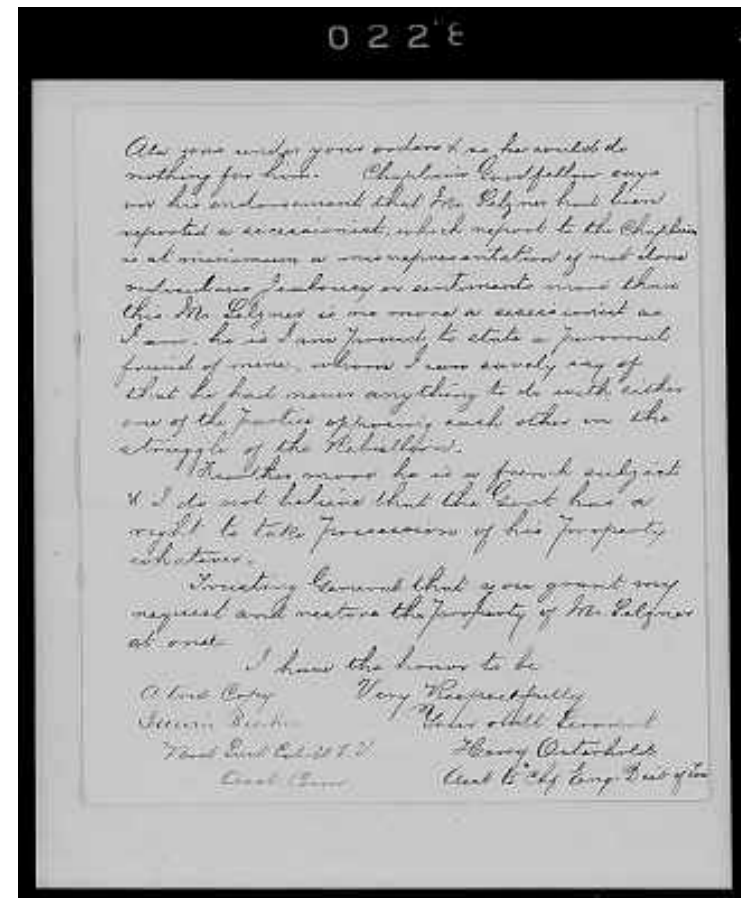
Ala was under your orders & so he could do nothing for him. Chaplain Goodfellow says on his endorsement that Mr. Selzner had been reported a secessionist, which report to the Chaplain is at minimum a misrepresentation if not done ridiculous Jealousy or sentiments more than this Mr. Selzner is no more a secessionist as I am. he is I am proud to state a personal friend of mine, whom I can surely say of that he had never anything to do with either one of the parties opposing each other in the struggle of the Rebellion.

Further more he is a french subject & I do not believe that the Govt has a right to take possession of his property whatever.

Trusting General that you grant my request and restore the property of Mr. Selzner at once

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
your obdt Servant  
Henry Osterhold  
Asst to Chf Eng. Dist of Ten.

A true Copy  
Edwin Beecher  
Brvt Lieut Col. U S.V  
Asst Comr.



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