

Circular

New York, October 30 1886

Office of Army Accounts.

Sir

I enclose you will receive my further register of certificates issued - I have to request that you will be attentive to the reason to believe that John P. Nelson has prepared counterfeit certificates with same number marks and descriptions with the genuine ones signed by me, and that he has so well imitated my signature that it is almost impossible to detect them. I am therefore apprehensive that the loan officers may by this means have been imposed on, & have therefore to request that your attention to the detecting any person who shall offer such certificates for the payment of interest and that you will see if on the back of some of these there is not marked in small figures the number of the certificate in Nelson's hand in which case you may be <sup>very</sup> probably certain that the certificate is a bad one and will require the strict attention that it is the persons through whose hands the same has passed should be known.

To Loan Officers of the  
different States }

✓ A. H. -  
 ✓ M. J.  
 ✓ N. Y.  
 ✓ P. V. -

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Sir

Inclosed you will receive my further register of certificates issued. I have reason to believe that John Phelon has passed counterfeited certificates of the same necessities markes and descriptions with the genuine ones issued by me, and that he has so well imitated my signature that it is almost impossible to detect them.

and I am therefore apprehensive that the Loan Officers may by this means have been imposed on, & have therefore to request that your attention to the detection of any person who shall offer such duplicate for the payment of Interest and that you will see if on the back of some of them there is not marked in small figures the number of the certificate in Phelon's hand in which case you may be tolerably very certain that the certificate is a bad one and will require the utmost attention that it be the persons through whose hands the same has passed should be known.