Hd Qrs. New Jersey Brigade
Sem.y near Alexandria
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My dear Lee,

On the score of old acquaintance, I introduce my Aid, Lt Jackson, a gentleman of high attainments & social position.

I have placed in his hands as a department the Judge-Advocate Generalship of the Brigade -

It would be the greatest kindness to me (stupid as I am about all these dusty studies) if you would give him a few hints, & a general outline. & the best authors, and if possible the file of printed orders of Courts Martials, as precedents -

Furthermore, if you would permit some gentleman in your office to devote a few moments to him, for elucidating this department so inefficiently conducted among Volunteers, (until it has become a farce,) you will oblige me, Nevertheless a talented man, a distinguished lawyer, and save yourself, as far as our Brigade is concerned, of reading a mass of frivolity, & of error, at the hands of some of our ignorant members of some future Court Martial

Most Resp'y
Yours -
T. F. Meagher
Brig'd. Genl. U.S. Vols

Colonel J. F. Lee
Judge Advocate General U.S. Army