as headquarters at
during the summer
his troops were con-
fighting Generals
and Forrest, who
forces constantly at
the railroad. Dur-
of Gen. Hood into
Spalding was order-
on to try and pre-
from crossing the
and to report to
his observations and
force and character of
the enemy. On arriv-
Alabama, he found
force on the op-
river and immedi-
to General Thomas
army was prepar-
tennesse and would
the river at or near
Forrest’s entire cav-
covering the move-
army. Several severe
ight during the retreat
uding the battles of
etc. At Nashville,
organized his army
battle. On the
15, the attack was
and with terrible vi-
army was put to
Spalding was compli-
order, which was
of each regiment; al-
able mention in the
Hatch for his brave-
The following is an
official report of
Thomas:
Corps pursued the
ranklin Pike, General
mounted Knipe’s and
of his command and
to pursue along the
Pike and endeavor to
advance of the ene-
about a mile
the enemy’s cavalry
Forrest, posted across
hind barricades. The
aken by the Twelfth
ry, Colonel Spalding
and the enemy’s lines
them in all direc-

Col. Geo. Spalding, our worthy Provost Mar-
shal, is proving himself as thorough a business man
as his career in the field has been brave and glorious.
He wears several scars upon his person to attest the
dauntless heroism of his conduct in the early battle
of the war, while the perfect harmony of his system
of managing the affairs of his office, affords the mos
gratifying proof that he knows his duty well, and
performs it faithfully. The complex and responsible
ature of Col. Spalding’s functions, are but evidences
of the reliance and approval of the commanding
General. He is surrounded by officers and clerks
whose co-operation is cheerful and assiduous, and in
their endeavors a genuine pride of excellence in
regulation is at all times manifested. The inevitable
result is, that public satisfaction and praise are un-
bounded. Everything pertaining to Col. Spalding’s
office is ordered in a manner, unexcelled by any of
assurance. 

Respectfully,

Geo. S. P.