The papers, referred to, having been in viola-
tion of orders and regulations, submitted to
the Dept without going thro' the regular Channel
Lt Col Whitfield's superiors - were returned by the Adjt
Genl to Genl Bragg for his action - were acted on &
sent back to Adjt, Genl - Lt Col Whitfield, never
having been confirmed by the Presdt as an officer
the withdrawal of Genl Bragg's nomination sim-
ply left him out of service - There was no
dis mineral - The President having that proper
to appoint him in spite of this settles the case,
and is now an officer, & will be so regarded.

Please return slip for file & use

A tissue of falsehoods —

The paper addressed by Orts & Col. Whitfield at Tupelo, was returned, endorsed by his Brigade and Division Cmdr. & Genl. Bragg, all agreeing that he had no claim whatever to Col. Whitfield's position — Genl B. never saw Col. Whitfield from the battle of Shiloh until he met him in Richmond in Oct — Of course the vulgar expression of knocking hatters could not have been used —

The commission as Col. obtained on ex parte statement was promptly cancelled on the department leaving the whole facts and has never been renewed — This was while Whitfield was in Richmond and Genl B. there with him