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**Report of Special Commission**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Smith, William Farrar, 1824-1903

**Title:** Report of Special Commission

**Date:** 1865

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** William Farrar Smith (1824-1903) was a civil engineer, a member of the New York City Police Commission, and a Union General in the American Civil War. James T. Brady (1815-1869) was a prominent lawyer and jurist in New York City. Smith and Brady were appointed to a presidential commission to investigate Major General Nathaniel Prentiss Banks. The collection consists of an official certified copy of a report made to the Secretary of War by General William F. Smith and James T. Brady on the civil and military administration in the military department bordering upon the west of the Mississippi dated September 23, 1865

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Governmental investigations -- United States

### Occupations

Lawyers -- New York (State) -- New York

Soldiers -- New York (State) -- New York

### Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

### Names

Smith, William Farrar, 1824-1903  
Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss, 1816-1894  
Brady, James T. (James Topham), 1815-1869