

Adj. Dir. 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade  
Clermont Fairfax Co. Va.  
July 12 1861

Rev. Dr. Pond:

Dear Sir

your letter  
with regard to a position for your  
son-in-law has been received.

The Colonels as far as I know  
employ some members of the  
Regiment as a secretary and have  
had one detailed for this duty from  
the first. It is not a position desir-  
able on account of the compen-  
sation. For the sake of having my  
brother with me I have made a  
sacrifice in order to make up a  
suitable salary for him which  
other Col's would not be willing to  
do. As Commanding a Brigade  
-not promoted in rank- my pay  
is not increased & I must detail  
my additional Clerks from the Regiment.

I would have been very  
happy to have offered Mr.  
Blodgett a desirable place. Had  
he been along with us from the  
first I think it might have  
been done - I will bear in  
mind your communication in  
case an opening appears.

My brother fully concurs in your  
recommendations of Mr. Blodgett.

Very Respectfully  
Chas. D. Serit

C. C. Howard

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to  
Wm. Howard  
for Mr. Blodgett  
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