1861-09-04 Colonel Berry writes Governor Washburn about the absence of Dr. Hunkins

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Sir,

Scott Harbison has not receivedùng his Regiment. He is not known or letter since his return from Richmond. I understand by report that he is in his house with some men in consequence to being of poor health. Immediately on the removal of Scott Dr. Col. Howard transferred Ranks Zeyren to Regiment. This is true as on 18th July the Battle was at. Harbison acts as Risen 1st and in consequence I address the Col R. R. Ranks were placed on duty with this Regiment and was given as Zeyren. No one is satisfied that troops should have been commanded. This is the feeling in the Regiment.

The Army is now in fine condition as regards drill & discipline. I have worked hard & should do so while there. Thus far with my Command. I think it safe to say what Army Officers may think that the Army is in as good condition as any Volunteer Regt. in the Service & as good
as Most of the Regular Reg I left when I came here... and business calls with a pleasant return to friends which for one of my part was included a sacrifice. I have not found that aid I encouraged me that I thought I now have, when I commenced the task of writing preferring it declining my Reg. I have about made of my mind to resign my com. with pleasure in your hands and let some one in whose the power that are have larger interests than they seem to have in the matter. I do this for the benefit of the Service if at all while you please direct that the Commissions for Officers a list of which I furnished as your respect be made out and sent to the Col. as early as they can. As I trust to close all matters now outstanding that affects the Regiment in its Officers so far as it is necessary for it to their interest.

Respectfully yours

Hon. George Washington

General Lee

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