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Fort Corcoran ^{Ind} ^{Mean} ^{Rept} ^{Wd}
Sept. 24, 1861 -

My Dear Governor

Please find accom-
panying duplicate receipts for articles
purchased for our Hospital, amounting
to fifty nine (59) dollars, which amount
I have paid and you ^{will} please trans-
mit the same amount, at your
earliest convenience, to R. S. Morison
Bangs, on whom I draw for the money
expended as above. You will per-
ceive, that I have not purchased
all the articles specified in the list
sent you, as I have been enabled by
great effort, to get a part of them of
U.S. - Unity aids, I think I have
made great improvement in the
accommodations for the sick since
I came here, but have incurred an
unnecessary expense, and here in
passing I will add that notwithstanding

standing Dr. McRae's case, that I should
not proceed with this Regt. I have
no doubt a very large majority of both
officers and soldiers would quite as lief
have me remain as that he should
return or Dr. Allen either as to that, I
am however ready & perfectly willing
to return home if Dr. A. can return ^{here}.

I am a little anxious to know whether
there is a probability that Dr. A. will return,
as if I am to remain but a few weeks
at present, I do not wish to incur the
expense of purchasing a horse, uni-
form and various other articles
which would be of very little value
to me if I should leave here. The
Regt. has just had a new uniform. These
have paid off and are in the main in
very good condition. Though a few are
yet here who ought to be discharged.

All Dr. McRae's efforts in this direction
availed very little, as he did not
learn how to accomplish, what he
desired for the good of the Regt. - Gaining

knowledge from his families. I think I shall
soon be enabled to get all those discharged
who ought to go - I have worked very hard
usually rising at 5 and retiring, that is lying
down in a bed of straw with my clothes, at
ten or eleven, but my health is good and I
don't value the labor if I can be useful.

Col. Roberts in fact all the officers treat me
very cordially, & seem fully to appreciate all
my efforts for the good of the Regt. There are
a large number of General officers quartered
near Fort. As near as I can learn the
Regt. will move from here in the course of
two or three weeks, unless we should hope
that there is some general battle. Most of
the troops in this vicinity are in good spirits
and good condition, and not only ready
but eager for a fight, wishing to settle up
that account commenced at Bull Run.
I don't let me know if you have any
information as to the probability of S. A.'s re-
turning.

Very truly

Yours Wm West

S. B. Mansie

Wm. J. Westburn Jr. }

Q. S. Adjutant John E. Reynolds is
anxious to be appointed either 1st. or
2nd. Lt. Col. - to supply some vacancy
which may occur, or in some new
Regiment to be formed - He has the
reputation here, I think, of being
brave and well qualified for such
a place -

S. B. M.

St. Mary's
Fort Lincoln
Sept. 24