

Augusta Oct 23/61  
Gen Washburn

Dr. Sir.

Not feeling at  
liberty to trespass more than  
possible on your time I  
take this method of asking  
you for an appointment in  
the Cavalry. now formed at  
this place, and will state  
my grounds for thus seeking  
a position. When this rebellion  
first broke out. I was one of  
the first to write to the Adj't  
Gen - denouncing him as the paper  
Chancellor <sup>through which</sup> & communicate to the  
Department, offering my services  
to the State in any Cavalry

Regiment that might be  
formed. in return I received  
a set of infantry recruiting  
papers - and went to work.  
recruited a company. when  
I received an order to disband  
my company. which I accordingly  
did. I had been to a good  
deal of expense in recruiting  
the company. ~~and~~ in the hope  
of getting into the Regt then  
forming but it was otherwise  
ordered. and I lost all.

I then went into a Mass.  
Regt. and started for the war,  
while at Harpers Ferry. I  
received a letter from Genl  
Hodsdon. which called me  
home. I came directly to



Augusta where I have been  
ever since. Willingly doing  
such duties as have been  
assigned me and always  
trying to conduct myself as  
an order loving and an order-  
obeying soldier, I have re-  
mained to this time in hopes  
that your Excellency might  
consider my application in  
a favorable light. I am  
willing to accept any pos-  
ition to which I may be  
assigned and will ever try  
to do my duty. as a soldier  
fighting for as good a country  
as Sun ever shone upon.  
I am left almost entirely  
without funds. for my further

support here and sin-  
cerely hope that this ap-  
plication may meet with  
your approbation - as with-  
out it my desire to serve  
my country in this her hour  
of peril cannot be accom-  
plished. -

Awaiting your pleasure  
I have the honor to be

Sir your humble servant  
Jos C. Hill

For attchd Encl

Oct. 23.

August 20

Jos. C. Hill

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