1863-01-08 General Berry writes Adjutant General Hodsdon regarding his annual report

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Ist Quarter, 3rd Bn. Camel Pioneers
Near Halmouth, Vic. January 8. 1863

Dear Sir,

Yours of 12th [illegible] came too late.

Yesterday morning I also received same from 1st and 2nd of which I hope you will send one for publication in your paper which my copy as Brig. Gen. W. H. I have enclosed here along with this. This time I rite a short communication. The reason for which is that I dislike exceedingly to write a long communication myself having been done to some extent with the Army I have fear that the boards would not like it. I have enclosed a copy of some portions of my Journal which I have reduced to an account of some events 1st of which is the battle of the scene. This is done by the military authorities and seems to me to be thought by them an unnecessary expediency. I trust that you will not publish it unless it is of interest to the public. I do not think it would have been better had you been here for such as were of myself. I have found it to be of interest and I have enclosed the receipts.
In one evening it may prove of interest to some particulars particular in full action, from which are inferences as I believe, in this morning I have only time to have the facts copy it.

But many thanks for your manifestation of kindness toward the other on a previous time.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

W. S. Berry

Adjt. Gen. August 1st

P.S.

I have left on many occasions than I have had many letters engaged. Scouting of myself on such occasion. There was nothing of the loss of horses killed under my bin on the second time. My clothing and goods. I should think I would not answer to any damage about them. A fellow is expected to wear what he does in an accident or the more serious. There is a feeling of the comfort of have received knowledge in behalf of my being from all my services. I desire this that I may know that I have thought it insufficient at this time. The time may come when my state will have an account of all my services in detail. I have fulfilled the best degree of any office.
To the Army of every man is perfectly explained.

Their...

Richard Stickley

13th