



Camp near Belle Plain

March 25 1863

My Dear Major

My health has obliged me to resign and my resignation has been accepted. The reasons I will more fully explain when I see you. My object in writing now is to ask your influence for Bradley to take my place.

I expect to leave tomorrow and am to take charge of the Possession of the late R. C. Dime who died at 4 A.M. this morning. If I am able to travel hope to reach Portland by Tuesday or Wednesday next and will come to Aquia to see you if it will keep the matter. Please keep me a line at Portland so that I can get it when I am in. Truly Yrs  
T. M. Russell