

Wilmington Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sir,

Mrs Stockton has just put into my hands a letter from your Excellency of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. to Gen<sup>l</sup> Stockton relative to the organization of the detachment from the first Brigade. We are making but slow progress in the business - the Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> in the first place has ordered a return from the Captains of companies of their class list containing the names &c. of the men, although every exertion has been made in the first Regt. this service has not yet been entirely performed - the Gen<sup>l</sup> himself with Rot. Maj<sup>r</sup> Wilson, Leon and Standeys companies have left this on Saturday last to oppose the enemy in Maryland. It is probable you will have heard before this time that the enemy have effected the destruction of all the public property at Washington & have retired unmolested to their shipping. Our troops are at Elkton waiting for orders - the Pennsylvania's are marching daily through this place

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Some of the officers of this Regt. are anxious  
to resign; whenever they can be replaced I  
do not object to it as by this means we get  
clear of some that are unfit for service in  
either peace or war



In the first company Capt. Sharpley who  
subalterns have resigned & the Company  
have chosen Jacob Kotten capt. Jacob  
Vandever Lieut. & Isaac Paulson Ensign

It is expected that the Genl. will return  
in a day or two when I suppose he will  
immediately attend to your instructions, al-  
though the command has devolved on me  
you will perceive from my statement  
it is altogether out of my power to  
effect the objects of your Excellency's  
Letter.

I am with great respect  
Sir,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

Wm Caldwell

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Col. John Caldwell  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1861.

General Robert E. Lee  
Governor of the  
State of Delaware



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