

Kansas Colored Volunteers Correspondence

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Jan. 1. 1867. Fred W. Schaurte

Valley Farm

Arkansas

Feb. 16. 1867.

Sunday evening. 5. o'clock

Letter Book

Major T.J. Anderson.

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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War Department

Adjutant Genls. Office

Washington D.C. June 5th 1863

Major Genl. James G. Blunt

Kansas

General,

The authority of the Hon. James H. Lane as "Commissioned for recruiting in the Department of Kansas" having been annulled at his request and the organization of the 2d Regt. Kans. Colored Volunteer Infantry being incomplete: -- I am instructed by the Secretary of War to direct you to take the necessary measures to recruit, organize and equip the above named regiment with the least possible delay. The regiment [wherein?] organized to be mustered into the Service of the United States for three years or during the War[.] On your requisition the comd'g Genl. of the Department will issue supplies of arms and accoutrements, clothing[,] camp equipage and subsistence. Transportation for recruits and recruiting Officers will be furnished on your requisition or refunded on vouchers in the usual form, accompanied by your order directing the movement[.]

It is recommended that the provisions of Genl. Orders No. 75 current series be followed as far as possible in organizing companies, to the end that must rolls may be uniform and authentic. This is necessary in order to secure justice to the Soldier and prevent confusion in accounts and loss to the Government[.]

The legal number of Officers as regulated in General Order No[.] 110. Adjutant General's Office current series will be appointed on your recommendation by the War Department.

You will therefor at the proper

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time submit to the War Department for approval a list of the names of such persons as are in your judgment qualified for the position of Commissioned Officers designating in each case the grade or rank to which the person should be appointed[.]

I am[,] General[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt[.]

C.W. Foster

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

War Department

Provost Marshal Genls Office

Washington D.C. June 5th 1863

Major General J.G[.] Blunt

U.S. Volunteers

St[.] Louis Missouri

General[,]

You are hereby authorized by the Secretary of War to raise a regiment of Cavalry to serve for three years or during the War[.]

The Regiment is to be recruited in the State of Kansas and this authority is given with the condition that the regiment is to be completed within thirty days[.] It is understood that you now have about five hundred men recruited for it[.]

The organization must conform to the requirements of General Orders No[.] 110 Current Series from the Adjutant General Office. All Officers will be commissioned by the Governor of Kansas on your nomination.

All musters into service will be made by the United States Mustering Officer for the State and in accordance with Par. 86 Revised Mustering Regulations[.] Supplies will be furnished under Paragraphs 77 and 109 Mustering Regulations[.]

You will please acknowledge the receipt of this authority, and, during the recruitment of the regiment make weekly reports to this Department as to the localities of the recruiting Officers and the number of men recruited during the the week. Recruiting Lieutenants will be appointed under General Orders No[.] 75 of 1862 from the War Department so soon as the appointments have been issued the names of the Officers must be reported to this Office.

I am, General[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James B. Fry

Provost Marshal General

Head Quarters

Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas June 26th 1863

General,

I have the honor to enclose herewith the names of certain enlisted men now on duty in your district to whom I have issued recruiting commissions with the request that you grant them Furloughs or detail that they may enter at once upon the discharge of their duties[.]

I am, General[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Jas[.] G. Blunt

Major General

Brig. Genl. Thos. Ewing Jr.

Comdg. Dist. of the Border Kas[.] City Mo.

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War Department

Adjutant Generals Office

Washington D.C. June 26th 1863

Major General J.G. Blunt

U.S. Volunteers

General[.]

The authority given you of date June 5th to raise a regiment of Cavalry is hereby amended as follows.

The Company Officers will be commissioned by the Governor on the nomination of the members of their respective companies[.] The field Officers will be so commissioned on the nomination of the majority of the Company Officers[.]

This modification is made at the request of His Excellency the Governor but it is not intended to effect any appointments which may have been duly made prior to the receipt of this by you[.]

I am, General[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas M. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General

Head Quarters.

Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas June 24th 1863

Col[.,]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant authorizing me to recruit and organize a regiment of Cavalry in the State of Kansas for the volunteer service. Since the receipt of your letter of authority active measures have been taken to insure a speedy organization of the Regiment. Two companies are already mustered into the service[.] others are in process of organization and in all about 500 men are enlisted for the regiment[.]

To recruit the regiment I have detailed in most cases non-commissioned Officers and privates from the old regiments who have distinguished themselves by their gallantry and soldierly qualities and have been recommended by their Officers for promotion. To the men selected I have given a recruiting Commission (see form marked "A") upon which they have been mustered and entered upon their duties. A list of the names is herewith furnished marked "B" such as are successfull in raising recruits to entitle them to the positions will be recommended for commissions as Officers[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servt

James G. Blunt

Major General

Col[.] Jas. B. Fry

Pro[.] Mar[.] Genl[.]

U.S.A[.]

Head Quarters District of the Border
Kansas City Mo. June 29th 1863
Special Orders
No[.] 13
Extract

IV The following enlisted men having received recruiting commissions for the 14th Regt. Kansas Volunteers (Cavalry) are relieved from duty with their regiments and will report to Major T.J. Anderson [at] Fort Scott for duty.

Commissary Sergt. Robt. J. Waterhouse 11th Kansas

Private Reuben F. Rayford [11th Kansas]

[Private] Thomas Riley 12th Kansas

By Order of Brig. Genl. Ewing

H. Hannah

Lieut. & Actg. Asst. Ajt. General

Major T.J. Anderson
Fort Scott Kansas

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Head Quarters
Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas June 29th 1863

Lieut[.,]

I am directed by Major General Blunt to give you authority to collect the enlisted men of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers now on Furlough in Leavenworth City and make such use of them in recruiting and drilling the 2d Regiment Kansas Colored -- as you may think proper[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Srvt[.]
T.J. Anderson
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Lieut. R.J. Hinton
Adjt. 1st Kas[.] Col[ore]d Vols[.]
Leavenworth City Kas.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott July 3d 1863

General[.]

I have the honor to enclose herewith certain details of enlisted men belonging to your command who have received recruiting Commissions in the 14th Kansas Cavalry or 2d Colored Vols. and request that they receive your approval and be transmitted to the proper Officers[.]

I am Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Jas. G. Blunt

Major Genl.

Brig. Genl. T.A. Davis
Cmdg[.] Dist[.] of Rolla
Rolla Mo.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott July 1st 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 8

Extract

IV The Hereinafter named enlisted men having been granted recruiting commissions in the 14th Kansas Cavy. and the 2d Colored regiment Kansas Vols. with the rank of 2nd Lieutenants and subject to the conditions stipulated in Gen. Orders No[.] 75 War Dept. S of 62 are hereby detailed on special service and are permitted to enter upon the duties pertaining to such commissions to wit

Thos. Adair

Newton J. Myres

John Hayes

By Command of Major Gen. Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Head quarters
Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas July 4th 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War

I have the honor to request the discharge of John R. Montgomery[,] Private of Co[.] F
11th Kansas Vols. and the issue of a Commission to him as first Lieut. and Adjut. of the 2d
Kansas Col[ore]d Vols the discharge and commission to date from July 1st 1863[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt[.] Srvt[.]
James G. Blunt
Major Genl[.] & Recruiting Commission

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas July 4th 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War

I have the honor to request the discharge of Frances P. Thomas[,] Private Co[.] "B," 12th
Kas[.] Volunteer Infantry and the issue to him of a commission as Assistant Surgeon of the 2d
Kas[.] Colored Vols[.], the discharge and commission to date from the 15th day of July 1863[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jas. G. Blunt
Major General

Head Quarters
Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas July 4th 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War

I have the honor to request the issue of a commission to Edward Stokes as 1st Lieut. &
Quartermaster of the 2nd Kansas Colored Volunteers[,] said commission to date from the 15th
day of July 1863[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jas[.] G. Blunt
Major General

Utica Missouri
July 8th 1863

Major Genl. Blunt
Comdg. Kansas City Mo.
General[.]

After my respects I will say that our people are well satisfied of the perfidy of the state authorities, a new a new evidence having just been given in the action of the state convention, and we are now casting about for the means of removing the institution from Mo. in the most speedy manner. I can raise a company for the service readily but Col. Pill appears to be hampered.

Can you accept another Copy or a half dozen more?

We are in earnest so much so that Col. Judge McFerron[.] one of our convention deligates (Woolfolk another) has spent two days going for Guitar's men to protect him at court[.] he feels guilty[.]

As you may not remember me[.] I will refer you to D.W. Wilder of Leavenworth City and F.H. Dunning Elwood[.] also Lt. Gov. Osborne. I should be pleased to have your advice in the matter if you think proper at an early day[.]

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
L.P. McCoy

To
James G. Blunt
Major Genl[.] Comdg[.]
Kansas City

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Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas July 6th 1863

Special Orders
No. 13

III. . . . Capt. H.S. [Greno?] Co. "C." 6th Kans. Cavy. is relieved from duty as Recruiting Officer for the 6th Kans[.] Cavy. and will report to Major T.J. Anderson A.A.G. for duty in the General Recruiting Service, 14th Kas[.] Cavalry[.]

By Command of Major Genl[.] Blunt
H.Z. Curtis
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott July 12th 1863

Lieutenant[.]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 9th inst[.] asking if a portion of the 14th Kansas Cavy[.] will be used for the protection of Kansas. Also if the election of Company Officers will be allowed[.]

In reply to your first question I have to say that the regiment will be subject to military orders the same as any other regiment in the service of the United States[.]

It is presumed however that it will in no case be taken beyond the immediate southern and eastern boundary of the state[.]

In reply to question no[.] 2 I have to say that companies will elect their own Officers subject only to such restrictions as the good of the public service may require "Vis, that the Officers so chosen be compitant and loyal[.]

The usual bounty of \$100. will be paid[.] one fourth of which will be paid in advance and if after nine months service the company will reenlist for three years they will be termed veteran volunteers and paid a Bounty of \$402. to each man to be paid in installments of \$150 or thereabouts [MS. illegible] installment every two months for the first year and after that, at lengthened intervals leaving \$ 75 due on the expiration of the term of enlistment[.]

I remain[.] Lieutenant[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

T.J. Anderson

Asst. Adj. Genl.

Lieut. C.J. Lovejoy
Adj. 12th Kas. Vols.
Recruiting Officer

War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington D.C. July 13th 1863

Major General James G. Blunt

U.S. Vols[.]
Fort Scott Kansas

Sir[.]

I have the honor to enclose herewith the appointment of Edward Stokes[.] 1st Lieut. &
Quarter Master 2nd Regiment Kas. Colored Vols.

The appointments of Adjutant

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Montgomery and Asst. Surgeon Thomas will be forwarded to you as soon as the necessary order
for their discharge from the service as enlisted men is made out[.]

I am[.] Sir[.] Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

C.W. Foster

Asst. Adjt. Genl. Vols.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas July 16 / 63

Special Orders

No[.] 22

I The following named enlisted men will report to Major T.J. Anderson A.A.G. for
Recruiting services to wit

E.W. Nuell, Co. "F.[.]" 6th Kas. Vols.

Corporal Badger [Co. F. 6th Kas. Vols.]

Wm[.] A. [MS. illegible] Co. "A." 2d Colored. Kas. Vols.

By Command of Major Genl[.] Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.

War Department A.G.O.
Washington D.C. July 13th 1863

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas July 16th 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 22

Extract

II . . . 2nd Lieut[.] A[.] Crocker Co[.] "F." 12 Kansas Infantry will report to Major T.J.[.]
Anderson A.A.G. for duty on recruiting service[.]

By Order of Major Genl[.] Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Major T.J. Anderson

A.A.G.

War Department

Adjutants Generals Office

Washington D.C. July 20th 1863

Major General James G. Blunt

U.S. Volunteers

Care of Captain T.J. Anderson A.A.G.

Leavenworth City, Kansas

General[.]

The time for raising the Regt. of Cavalry for which authority was given by the
Department June 5 1863, is hereby extended forty days from the twenty fifth instant[.]

I am, General[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas M. Vincent

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Missouri and Western Telegraph Company

By Telegraph from Washington

July 21st 1863

Time for raising cavalry regiment extended forty (40) days[.]

Thomas M[.] Vincent

To
Capt. T.J. Anderson
A.A. Genl.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kas. July 21st 1863
Lieut. Col. C[.]W. Marsh
Asst. Adj. Genl.
Saint Louis[,] Mo.

Colonel[,]

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of the authority for raising the 14th Regt. Kas. Cavy. also the statement of Major Anderson the Asst. Adj. Genl. in charg[e] of the recruiting thereof, as to the number of men already recruited, in connection wherewith I beg to submit special requisitions for arms and ordinance stores for the approval of the Commanding General and to be forwarded with this letter to the proper issuing Officer[.]

If but one arm can be furnished now I request that it be the carbine, being most needed in the service here[.]

I am, Colonel[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James G. Blunt

Major General

By Command of the General

H.Z. Curtis Asst. Adj. Genl[.]

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas July 21st 1863

Major[,]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this morning requesting Official Statement of number of men mustered for the 14th Regt. Kas. Vol. (Cav.).

In reply I have the honor the state, that, the the number of men including the full companies already mustered for said regiment now number about eight hundred the companies are rapidly being filled[.]

I am[,] Major[,]
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt[.]
T.J. Anderson
Asst. Adj. Genl.
Recruiting Commissioner

Maj. H.Z. Curtis
A.A. Genl[.]

Leavenworth City Kansas
July 25th 1863

Major Genl. J.M. Schofield
Comdg. Depart. of Mo.
St[.] Louis Missouri

Sir[,]

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of order authorizing Major General Blunt to recruit[,] organize and equip the 2d Regt. Kas[.] Col[ore]d Vols.

It being Impracticable to meet the exigencies of the Recruiting in the way of transportation and subsistence of recruits from points where enlisted

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to places of general rendezvous by an application in each case to Depart[.] Head Quarters as directed in the 2nd Par. of the Order it is most respectfully requested that such Special Authority may be given this Commission as will enable it to carry out the object contemplated in the speediest possible manner[.]

I also have the honor to transmit a certificate that that J.W. Gelgus is a recruiting Officer under that order who is now at Rolla Mo. with a number of recruits and respectfully request that transportation be furnished himself and recruits from Rolla Mo[.] to Leavenworth Kansas[.]

A number of Recruiting Officers now belong to Old Regiments. When such Officers shall have recruited men enough to entitle them to Commissions what course shall I pursue to enable them to be discharged and mustered into the new organization[.]

I am, Genl[,],
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Srvt.
T.J. Anderson

Asst[.] Adj. Genl[.]
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas
July 28th 1863

Major General J.M. Schofield
Comdg. Department of the Mo.,
St[.] Louis Mo[.],

General[.]

I have the honor to report that Lieut. C.J. Williams[.] Recruiting Officer for the 14th Kas[.] Cavalry Volunteers can enlist a number of men for the above regiment at Rolla Mo., men who are now Government teamsters and mostly Kansas men and wish to enlist in the 14th Kansas. I respectfully request that authority be given Lieut[.] Williams to recruit these men[.]

I am, General[.]
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
T.J. Anderson
Asst. Adj. Genl.
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters Department of the Missouri
St[.] Louis July 29 1863

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. Recruiting Service

Sir[.]

I am directed by the General Commanding to inform you in answer to your communication of the 25 instant, that it is not practicable to make arrangements to furnish transportation for recruits except in the manner proscribed in the order[.] The office has no authority to modify the instructions given by the War Department to Major General Blunt[.]

The recruiting officers for the Kansas Colored troops are not authorized to recruit in Missouri Brig. Genl. Thomas Genl. Superintendant of the colored recruiting service has expressly forbidden the enlistment of colored troops in Missouri without the consent of the

Governor of the State. Therefor J.W. Gelgus cannot be permitted to take recruits from Rolla to Kansas. When Officers are appointed by the War Department they will be discharged from their Present positions.

I am[,] Major[,] Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Arch.d H[.] Eagle

Major & A.D.C.

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State of Kansas

Executive Department

Topeka. July 29th 1863

Major T.J. Anderson

Asst. Adjt. Genl[.]

Fort Scott Kansas

Sir[,]

I have just returned to the Capital and have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 14th inst. addressed to the Hon. T.A. Osborne Lieut[.] Governor requestings commissions for Officers of Company "A" & "C" 14th Regiment Kansas Volunteers[.]

In reply I have the honor to inform you that in all cases where the choice of Officers has been accorded to the companies I have required a certified copy of the proceedings had at the election, including the names of all persons participating. And the number and names of persons voting for the respective candidates.

I desire that the same rule shall be observed in the organization of the 14th Regiment, in order that the records of this office may be complete[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Carney Gov.

P.S.

It is also necessary that a copy of the musterin[g] rolls should be forwarded in order that a record may be kept of the number of troops raised by Kansas[.]

Thos[.] Carney

Head Quarters of the Frontier

Fort Scott Kansas August 7 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 38

I . . . Private Wm. A. Scott[.] Co[.] "G" 9th Kas. Cavy. will report in person to Major T.J. Anderson A.A.G. in charge of recruiting Service for further Orders[.]

II Private Edwin Parker Co[.] "G" 9th Kas[.] Vols. to detailed upon Special Service as clerk at these Head Quarters and will report in person without delay to Major T.J.[.] Anderson A.A.G. for duty[.]

By Command of Major Genl[.] Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]

To Major T.J. Anderson

A.A.G. in charge of

Recruiting Services

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott August 10th 1863

Col[.] James B. Fry

Provost Marshal General

Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

Your letter of instructions of date June 5th 1863 authorizing Genl. Blunt to raise a regiment of Cavalry required weekly reports from these Head Quarters as to the locality of Recruiting Officers and the number of men recruited during the week.

The large extent of country over which the recruiting officers are operating and not being strictly confined to localities together with the irregularities of the mail service, and the noncompliance of recruiting Officers with orders from these Head Quarters makes it impossible to comply strictly with your letter of instructions[.]

There are two cos. mustered[.] 4 more awaiting muster[.]

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And in all including squads of recruits in various parts of the State. Between eight and nine hundred men have been enlisted as near as can be ascertained from reports received at these Hd.Qtrs.

The time for raising the regiment expires Septr[.] 3d at which time the regiment will be recruited at least to the minimum number[.]

I am[,] Col.[,]
Very respectfully Your Obedt. Servt.
T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. & Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas August 11th 1863

Hon. E.A. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir[,]

I have the honor to nominate the following persons for Commissioned Officers in the
Second Regt[,] Kas[,] Colored Vols.

--Viz--

Company "A"

Capt. Samuel Sanders

1st Lieut. Ralph E. Cook

2d Lieut. Charles Schofield

Company "B"

Capt. R.J. Hinton

1st Lieut. John M. Cain

2nd Lieut. James M[,] Front

Company "C"

Capt. J.A[,] Sword

1st Lieut. J.E. Hays

2nd Lieut. Thomas Adair

I also respectfully request that the following persons be discharged the service as enlisted men
and as belonging to the following organizations[:]

Samuel Sanders[,] Private Co[,] "H" 12th Kas[,] Vols[.]

Ralph E[,] Cook[,] [Private Co.] "E" [12th Kas. Vols.]

Charles Schofield Q.M.S [Co. "E" 12th Kas. Vols.]

John M. Cain[,] Private Co[,] "K" 13th Kas. Vols.

James M[,] Front[,] [Private Co.] "F" 10th [Kas. Vols.]

J.A. Sword [Private Co.] "H" 12th [Kas. Vols.]

J.E. Hays [Private Co.] "A" 10th [Kas. Vols.]
Thomas Adair [Private Co. "A" Kas. Vols.]

Respectfully Submitted by request of
Major General Blunt
T.J. Anderson
Asst. Adjt. General,
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kans. August 12th 1863

Colonel[.]

By direction of Major General James G. Blunt I have the honor to enclose herewith special requisition for arms for the 2nd Kansas Colored Volunteers, (Infantry) with the request that the requisition receive the approval of the requisite authority, and be then referred to the Chief Ordinance Officer, for issue and shipment of the articles required[.]

I have the honor to be[.] Colonel[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
H.Z. Curtis
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Col. J.B. Fry
Provost Marshal General
Washington D.C.

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Honbl. E[.]M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington D.C[.]

Sir[.]

As it is the desire of Major Genl[.] J.G. Blunt that 1st Lieut[.] & Adj[.] R.J. Hinton 1st Kas[.] Colord Vols. should be commissioned as Capt. of Co[.] "B" 2nd Kas[.] Colored Vol. Infy. We do hereby revoke the request made by us to your office for the delay of his commission as such, and declair ourselves satisfied by the appointments as recommended by the General[.]
Most Respectfully
Your Obed[.] Devoted Servt.

John M. Cain
James M. Front
Recruiting Officers
2nd Kas. Col[ore]d Vols.
by J.M.C.
Leavenworth City Kas.
August 17th 1863

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas August 18th 1863

Special Orders
No[.] 45
Extract

III . . . Private Edwin Parker[,] Co[.] "G" 9th Kansas Cavy[.] is relieved from duty at these Head Quarters and will report in person without delay to the commanding Officer of his company for duty[.]

By Command of Major Genl[.] Blunt
H.Z. Curtis
Asst. Adjt. Genl[.]

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. Rcr. Service

War Department.
Adjutants Generals Office
Washington D.C. Aug. 19th 1863

Major General James G. Blunt
Comdg. District of the Frontier
& Recruiting Commissioner
Fort Scott Kansas

General[,]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Major T.J. Anderson[,] A[.]A[.]G[.,] on your Staff requesting that certain men therein named be discharged the service to accept appointments in the 2nd Regt[.] Kas[.] Col[ore]d Volunteers[.]

The order for their discharge and their appointments will be immediately made out and forwarded to you as early as practicable[.]

As the appointment of the Officers should not proceed the muster into service of their commands, it is respectfully requested, that in future, when appointments are recommended, the fact that the companies for which the appointments are to be made have been mustered into service, be stated[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C.W. Foster
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kas[.] August 20th 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

I have the honor to nominate the following persons for Commissioned Officers in the 2d Regt. Kas[.] Col[ore]d Vols.

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--Viz--

Capt[.] Frank Kister
1st Lieut[.] Ruben F[.] Rayford
2nd Lieut[.] Wm[.] M. Mercer
Capt. George W. Sands
1st Lieut. Henry DeVellers
2d Lieut. Wm[.] J. Brewer

I also respectfully request that the following persons be discharged, the service as enlisted, men and as belonging to the following organizations[:]

--Viz--

Frank Kister Segt. Co. "H" 2nd. Regt[.] Kas[.] Cavy[.]
Reuben F Rayford Private [Co.] "J" 11th [Regt. Kas.] Ify[.]
Wm[.] M. Mercer Corporal [Co.] "H" 2d [Regt. Kas.] Cavy[.]
George W[.] Sands Private [Co. "H"] 2nd Kas[.] Battery

Henry DeVellers 1st Segt. Co[.] "L" 6th Regt[.] Kas. Cavy.
Wm[.] J. Brower Private [Co.] "F" 12th [Regt. Kas.] Infy[.]

Respectfully submitted by request of Major Genl[.] Jas. G[.] Blunt
T.J. Anderson
Asst. Ajt. Genl.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kas[.] August 23d 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 49

I First Lieut. R.C. Cook of Co[.] "A" 2d Col[ore]d Kas[.] Vols. is detailed upon recruiting
service for his regiment and will report to Major T.J. Anderson A.A.G. in charge of the same for
Orders[.]

By Command of
Major Genl. Blunt
H.Z. Curtis
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Major T.J. Anderson
Asst[.] Adj. Genl.
Recruiting Service

Head Quarters Army of the Frontier
In the Field Fort Blunt C.N August 12th 1863

Major[.]

I have the honor to inform you that the Major General Commanding has made the
following appointments of recruiting officers for the 2d Regiment Kansas Colored Volunteers,
viz, George E[.] Hutchinson appointed 2d Lieut[.] July 2d /63 Cyrus S[.] Wheelan[.] Private Co.
"C" 9th Kansas Vols. appointed July 31st 1863[.]

Very Respectfully[.]
Your Obedt. Servt[.]
[MS. illegible] Young
Capt. & Act. Asst. Adj. Genl.

Major T.J. Anderson

A.A.G.
Recruiting Commissioner
Fort Scott Kansas

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kas[.] August 29th 1863

Dear Sir[.]

I have examined the records in this office and find the original order to Genl[.] Blunt to raise the 2nd Regt. Kas[.] Col[ore]d Vols[.] but cannot find anything in relation to the detailing of a "Special Mustering Officer["] to muster that Regiment. if you have such instructions please forward copy to these Hd.Qtrs. that it may be placed on file[.]

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
J[.] Moonlight
Lieut. Col[.] Actg[.] for
Maj[.] Anderson

Lieut. J.R[.] Kemble
Mustering & [MS. illegible] Officer

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War Department
Adjutant General's Officer
Washington Sept. 1st 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 392

Extract

9 The following named enlisted men are hereby honorably discharged, the service to accept appointments in the U.S. Colored troops (Viz)

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1st [Sergeant] Henry DeVellars [Co.] "L" 6[th] [Regt. Kas. Cavy.]

Corpl. Wm[.] M. Mercer [Co.] "H" 2[nd] [Regt. Kas. Cavy.]

Private Reuben F[.] Rayford [Co.] "J" 11[th] [Regt. Kas.] Infantry

[Private] George W[.] Sands [Co. "J"] 2nd [Regt. Kas.] Battery

[Private] Wm[.] J. [Brewer?] [Co.] F 12[th] [Regt. Kas.] Infantry

By Order of the Secretary of War
E[.]D[.] Townsend
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Genl[.] Blunt
The Dept. Missouri

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kas[.] Septr[.] 16th 1863

Hon. E.M[.] Stanton
Secy. of War
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

The modified order from the War Department embodied in a letter addressed to Major Genl. Blunt bearing date June 26th 1863 provides that the "Company Officers of the 14th Kas[.] Vol[.] Cavy. will be commissioned by the Governor on the nomination of the members of their respective companies. The Field Officers will be so commissioned on the nomination of the majority of the Company Officers. This modification is made [MS. illegible] respectfully requested that an order be issued directing that Brown be mustered out from the date of his muster in, and that since the regiment has been [MS. illegible] to the minimum number only requiring the consolidation of the recruits to complete the other (4) companies with the understanding that the Field Officers were to be elected, the original order as modified at the instance of the Governor to be strictly adhered to[.]

Respectfully submitted by request of
Major Genl[.] Blunt
T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.

[note attached to page 17]

Fort Scott Kansas
Sept[.] 10th 1863

Private Edward Houlse of Company "E" 6th Kans[.] Vols[.]; ordered to report to me for Recruiting Service by Maj[.] Gen[.] Blunt: is hereby relieved and ordered to report to Major T.J. Anderson, recruiting Commissioner, for orders -- Rations due from the 11th Sept.
A[.]H[.] Campbell
Capt[.] Co[.] ["G"] 14th K.V.

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War Department

Adjutant General's Offices

Washington Sept. 1st 1863

Special Orders

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the Governor but is not intended to effect any appointment which may have been duly made prior to the receipt of this you[.]"

This Order on the part of Major Genl. Blunt has been strictly complied with when six (6) Co[.]s had been duly mustered the Officers held an election for Field Officers an Official copy of the proceedings of said election will be forwarded immediately, eight companies are now mustered, but the General Commanding did not deem it expediant to submit the proceedings of the election to the Governor until such time as the other four Co[.]s could be mustered thus giving all the co[.] Officers an opportunity to vote for all the Field Officers[.]

His Excellancy the Governor of Kas. has hoever seen fit to commission without an election one John G. Brown 1st Lieut. of Co. "C" of the Regt. as 1st Major and Lieut. J.R. Kemble mustering and disbursing Officer for the state of Kansas mustered Brown out as Lieut. and mustered him in as Major of the regt.

Brown has not been instrumental in any manner in securing recruits for the regt. is a stranger here and not known to possess any military qualification, is not the choice of the Officers of the regiment, and placing him in the regiment as Major without an election is doing great injustice to men who have not only spent time and money in recruiting the regt. but are well known as gallant and efficient soldiers who have been in the service since the commencement of the War[.]

In View of these facts and at the request of the company Officers it is most respectfully requested that an order be issued directing that Brown be mustered out from the date of his muster in, and that since the regiment has been [MS. illegible] to the minimum number only requiring the consolidation of the recruits to complete the other (4) companies with the understanding that the Field Officers were to be elected, the original order as modified at the instance of the Governor to be strictly adhered to[.]

Respectfully submitted by request of
Major Genl[.] Blunt
T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.

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Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kas[.] Septr[.] 17th 1863

Special Orders
No[.] 70

II Capt[.] W.N. Bixby Co[.] "D" 14 Kas. Cavy[.] and 1st Lieut. J. Fin Hill 10th Kansas Infantry is hereby detailed upon recruiting service and will report accordingly to Major T.J. Anderson[,] A.A.G. Recruiting Commision for further orders[.]

By Command of Maj. Genl[.] Blunt
H.Z[.] Curtis
Asst. Adj. Genl.

Maj[.] T[.]J[.] Anderson
A.A.G.
Rec. Comsr.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas September 21st 1863

Special Orders
No[.] 74

I. A Board of [MS. illegible] is hereby appointed to examine a lot of horses furnished by Major L.C. Easton[,] Chief Quartermaster to Capt[.] M.H. Insley Depot Quartermaster - Fort Scott.

The Board will meet at Capt. Insley's office at eight o'clock a.m. Sept[.] 22nd or as soon thereafter as practicable[.] The junior member will act as Recorder[.]

Detail for the Board[:]

Lieut. Col. Campbell [14th?] Kans. Cav.

Maj[.] T.J. Anderson A.A.G. Rec. Comsr.

Capt[.] J.G. Haskell A.Q.M.

By command of Major General Blunt
H.Z. Curtis
Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]

Maj. T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. Rec. Comsr.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Sept[.] 21, 1863

Capt[.] C.W. Foster
A.A. Genl[.]
Washington D.C.

Sir[,]

The commission issued to Richard J[.] Hinton as Capt[.] in the 2nd Ks. Col'd Reg't has by him been unavoidably lost prior to muster.

I respectfully request that a duplicate copy of the commission be furnished to enable Capt[.] Hinton to muster[.]

I am[.] Captain[.]

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

T.J. Anderson

Asst[.] Adj't[.] General

Fort Leavenworth Kansas

September 7th 1863

Sir[.]

In compliance with instructions received from Lieut. J.R Kemble[.] mustering Officer[.] I beg herewith to report to you as my company is at Baxters Springs or on the way thither, and as I was ordered by Major T.J. Anderson to remain at Fort Leavenworth [MS. illegible] recruiting Service for the Regiment I deemed it proper to report to you by letter[.]

awaiting your further orders

I remain[.] Sir[.]

Yours Respectfully

signed Samuel Sanders

Capt[.] "A" Co[.] 2nd Regt[.] Kans[.] Col'd Vols[.]

H.Z. Curtis, A.A.G.

Dist[.] of the Frontier

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Head Quarters District of the Frontier

Fort Scott Kansas September 23rd 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 76

I. Private George [Dunnett?] Co. "J" 3d Wisconsin Cavalry, is hereby detailed on special duty as Clerk to Major T.J. Anderson, A.A. Genl. at these Head Quarters and will report accordingly in person without delay[.]

By Command of

Major General Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Asst. Adjt[.] General

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.
Recruiting Comsr.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas, Sept. 25th 1863

Capt. A. Gunther
Co[.] "H" 2nd Ks. Vols[.]

Sir[.]

Serg't Frank Kister and Corpl. Wm. M. Mercer of your Co[.] having received
Commissions in the 2nd Ks. Colored Vols. I respectfully request that you forward me their
Descriptive rolls to enable them to muster[.]

I am[.] Sir[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt[.] Servant

T.J. Anderson

Maj. & A.A. Genl[.]

Recruiting Commission

Capt[.] A. Gunther
Co. H. 2nd. Ks. Vols[.]

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Sept. 25th 1863

Capt. C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjt[.] Genl[.]
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

Will enlisted men who have received Recruiting Commissions for the 2nd Colored
Regiment and received from their Commanding Officer the necessary orders, detailing them to
enable them to comply with the provisions of said Recruiting Commission, be entitled to
commute their rations at seventy five (75) cents per day while recruiting under said Commission;

In order that such enlisted men may receive all that they may be entitled to in lieu of rations. I respectfully request a speedy answer[.]

I am[.] Captain[.]

Very Respectfully[.] sir[.]

Your Obedient Servant

T.J. Anderson

Asst. Adj't[.] Genl[.]

Rect'g Commission

Capt[.] C.W. Foster

Asst. Adj't Genl[.]

Washington D.C.

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Fort Scott Kansas

August 28th 1863

We the undersigned Officers of the 14th Reg't[.] Kansas Vols. representing Five Companies of said Regiment being all of said Reg't now present at this Post, do hereby cast our votes for Field Officers of said Regiment for the following named persons and respectfully request the Governor to Commission them[.]

For Colonel[.] Thomas Moonlight

[For] Lt[.] Col[.] Chas[.] H. Blair

[For] 1st Major[.] H.S. Greeno

[For] 2nd Major[.] D.H. David

[For] 3rd Major[.] J. Fin Hill

William [Sarimen?][.] Capt[.] Co. "A" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols[.]

[MS. blank] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "A" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

R.H. Peirce[.] 2nd Lt. [Co. "A" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

Chas[.] H. Haynes[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "B" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

Samuel Morris[.] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "B" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

A.J. Anderson[.] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "B" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

Geo. J. Clark[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "E" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

Ben. F[.] Josling[.] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "E" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

William B. Clark[.] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "E" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

A.J. Briggs[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "F" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

J.A. Huff[.] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "F" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

W.D. Parish[,] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "F" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
A.H. Campbell[,] Capt[.] Co[.] "G" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
C.S. Steel[,] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "G" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
J.M. Kilgore[,] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "G" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

We the undersigned arriving at Fort Scott since the above recorded election, desire hereby to cast our votes as follows & respectfully request the Governor to Commission the persons voted for[.]

For Colonel[,] Thomas Moonlight
[For] Lt[.] Col[.,] Chas[.] H. Blair
[For] 1st Major[,] D.H. David
For 2nd Major[,] H.S. Greeno
[For] 3rd Major[,] J. Finn. Hill

W.N. Bixby[,] Capt[.] Co[.] "D" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols[.]
S.S. Jennings[,] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "D" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
James H. Berry[,] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "D" 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
Thomas Stevenson[,] Capt[.] Co[.] H [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
James Ogan[,] 1st Lt[.] [Co. H 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
Dudley Sawyer[,] 2nd Lt[.] [Co. H. 14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
C.C. Whitman[,] 1st Lt[.] Co[.] "A" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]
Harris[,] 1st Lt[.] Co[.] "S" [14th Reg't Ks. Vols.]

These two Officers are at Fort Blunt and their names are signed by authority of Genl[.] Blunt as requested by them[.]

Head. Qrs. Recruiting Commission 14th Ks. Vols[.]
Fort Scott Kansas Sep[.] 25th 1863

I hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of the original filed in this Office, That the election was held, That there was no influence brought to bear so as to warp the Officers minds, & that it is a clear majority of the Regiment[.]

(Signed) T.J. Anderson
Major & A.A.G[.]

We the undersigned arriving at Fort Scott Kansas since the above recorded election, desire hereby to cast our votes as follows & Respectfully request the Governor to Commission the persons voted for[.]

For Colonel[,] Thomas Moonlight
[For] Lt[.] Col[.,] Charles H. Blair

[For] 1st Major[,] D.H. David
[For] 2nd. Major[,] H.S. Greeno
[For] 3rd. Major[,] J. Fin. Hill

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M.O.[.] [Teeple?] [,] Capt[.] Co[.] "J" 14th Reg. Ks. Vols[.]
G.S. Bowen[,] 1st Lt[.] [Co. "J" 14th Reg. Ks. Vols.]
J. Rickobaugh 2nd Lt[.] [Co. "J" 14th Reg. Ks. Vols.]

Hd. Qrs. Recruiting Commission 14th Ks[.] Vols[.]
Fort Scott Kansas Sep. 25, 1863

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(Signed) T.J. Anderson
Major & A.A.G.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas, Sep[.] 26th 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington D.C[.]

Sir[.]

I have the honor to inclose herewith Certified Copy of Election for Field Officers of 14th Reg. Ks. Vol[.] Cav'y -- a copy of the same has been forwarded to his Excellency Thomas Carney Governor of Kansas with a request that Commissions be issued in compliance therewith, as per orders from the War Department. It is a clear majority of the Regiment, obtained as per Certificate of Major Anderson, A.A.G.[.] a Superintendent of Recruiting 14th Ks[.] & 2nd Col[ore]d. I understand the Governor of Kansas is now in Washington and I refer the whole matter to you that it may be met squarely face to face. The Governor has broken his faith with the War. Dept. for it was at his instance and earnest solicitations that the order was amended requiring the Companies to elect their own Officers and the Company Officers the Field Officers out of eight applications for Commissions, for sets of Company Officers only three have been Commissioned and no reason given why the others have not been like treated.

The Governor has thus willfully disregarded your order and ignored his own handy-work -- again and while a copy of an election held by their five Companies at this place was in his office, he willfully and deliberately disregarded said Election by Commissioning a Lieut[.]

Brown Major who has not received one Vote: for particulars in this case I would respectfully refer your letter of
(over)

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Lt[.] Col. Moonlight, bearing date of Sept[.] 13, & forwarded through the Hon. J.H. Lane.

The 14th Reg. Ks. Cav'y is made up and composed of men from nearly all parts of the West & south[:] Missourians[,] Nebraskans[,] Arkansans[,] Texans & Kansans. it is clearly the work of a Commissioner[,] not that of a Governor, & therefore not under the law of Congress. The Officers elected to the various positions went to work to raise the Regiment and spent their time and money in so doing, with the perfect understanding that all the Officers would be elected, a very great many of the rank & file never would have enlisted had it been otherwise & if faith is to be broken with them through any political influence, the men are in the service through false misrepresentations. The Field Officers elected are the very best in Kansas. as a proof of what I say I would refer you to the Kansas delegation and to his Exc'y the Governor himself-- As a precedent in this matter between the Gov. of Ks[.] & the War Dept. I would respectfully call your attention to the case of C.H. Blair commissioned Colonel & H.S. Greeno[,] Lt[.] Col[.] of the 12th Regt[.] Ks. Infy, raised by the Hon. J.H. Lane[,] Recruiting Commissioner on authority from the War Dept. these two Officers the then Governor of Ks. Commissioned in direct contempt of the War Dept. order and I would not permit their muster into service. The matter was brought before the War Dept. by the Hon. F.P. Stanton on behalf of these two officers, and the decision was adverse thereto. On the grounds that the Reg't was raised by a Commissioner and was not the work of the Government nor subject to the law of Congress, the present case is doubly strong as the Reg. is clearly not a Kansas Regiment in the strict sense of the term and being raised by a Commissioner is not subject to the dictates of the Governor, he having had no hand in it. The Reg[.] is now complete and awaiting the actions of the Governor. I respectfully ask for a final settlement of this matter at once as I intend taking the Regiment with me to Fort Smith Arkansas on the 10th of October. I cannot now leave until the matter is settled, nor would I have left my command at all were it not for this difficulty. I desired to be here in person and see with my own eyes before referring the matter to your Dept. Awaiting your early decision[.]

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully[,] Sir[,]

Your Obedient Servant

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Sep[.] 28th 1863

To His Excelency

Thomas Carney
Gov[.] of Kansas

Gov.[.]

I have the honor herewith to forward you certified copies of the result of an Election by the [MS. illegible] Officers of the 14th Regt[.] Kans. Vols. Also a Copy of the letter of the Hon. Sec'y of War, prescribing how said Officers should be nominated and Commissioned. I respectfully request that the Officers nominated as shown by the accompanying returns be commissioned--without delay--or that you shall state to me officially your refusal to do so[.]

Respectfully[.]

Your Obedient Servant

Jas. G. Blunt

Major General

and Recruiting Commisioner

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas Sep[.] 28th 1863

Special Orders

No[.] 81

III. 1st Sergt. Smith, Co. "C" 3rd Wis[.] Cav. is detailed upon Special Service and will report in person for duty to Major T.J. Anderson, A.A.G. at these Head Quarters[.]

By Command of

Major General Blunt

H.Z. Curtis

Assistant Adjutant General

Maj. T[.]J[.] Anderson
A.A.G.

Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas Sep. 28th 1863

Major[.]

The General Commanding desires to move Head Quarters to Fort Smith on or about the 12th proximo and desires you to make your requisite arrangements for missing and [MS. illegible] by that date. You will make your estimates and requisitions upon the proper department for at least your desk full of stationery, blanks &c &c[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H.Z. Curtis
Asst. Adj't[.] General

Major T[.]J[.] Anderson
A.A. Genl[.]
Recrt'g. Com'r.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Sep[.] 28th 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington, D.C[.]

Sir[.]

I have the honor to nominate the following persons for Commissioned Officers in the 2nd
Regt[.] Ks. Col[ore]d Vols[.]

--Viz--

Captain James Adams

1st Lieut[.] Samuel Kaiserman

2nd Lieut[.] Isaiah Nicholas

and request that the following persons be discharged the service as belonging to the following
organizations[:]

Private Samuel Kaiserman, Co. "J" 2nd Ks[.] Vol. Cav[.]

[Private] Isaiah Nicholas [Co. "J"] 12th Ks. Vol. Inf'y[.]

The Company for which these commissions are requested has been duly mustered into the U.S.
service. The other four companies are recruited and only require consolidation to complete the
organization of the Regt. I desire to take the Reg't to Fort Smith on the 10th of Oct[.] to this end
I respectfully request that the following Officers be commissioned immediately to enable them to
muster immediately on the organization of the Regiment[.]

Colonel S.J. Crawford
Major J. Howard Gillpatrick
Surgeon G.W. Wolgomott
Chaplain J.B. McAfee
I am[,] Sir[,]
Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Major General

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 1st 1863

Brig[.] Genl. G. Thomas
Adj[.] Genl. U.S. Army
Washington D.C[.]

Genl.[,]

I have the honor to report being on duty as Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.] of the Recruiting
Commission at Fort Scott Kansas by order of Major General Jas[.] G. Blunt[.]

I am[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

T.J. Anderson

Major & Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]

Hd. Quarters 13th Kans[.] Vols[.]
Camp at Webbers Falls C.W. Sep[.] 14th 1863

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G.

Sir[,]

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Descriptive Rolls of the following named
enlisted men of this Regt[.] that have received commissions in the 14th Kan[.] Vols. Viz--

Q.M. Serg't Thomas Stevenson, 13th. K.V.

Sergt[.] James Ogan[,]

Private Dudley Sawyer[,]

You will please transmit to these HdQrs[.] the date of their muster into service[.]

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully yours &c

Signed J.B. Wheeler[,]

13th K.V. Comd'g. Regt[.]

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Hd. Quarters 3rd Brigade

Scullyville C.W. Sep[.] 27, 1863

Maj[.] Gen. Blunt

Gen[.,]

The Comd'g Officer at Fort Blunt sent back with the Train to Fort Scott. about 30 recruits of the 13th Ks. Vols. [MS. illegible]. Two Lieuts[.] are waiting to be mustered and cannot be untill there recruits are assigned to duty.

Such outrages are too bad to be submitted to and I hope you will give the Office in Command a proper blowing up and have the recruits forwarded as soon as possible[.]

Very Respectfully

Tho[.] M. Bowen

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas Oct 11. 1863

Lieut[.] J.R. Kemble, 3rd U.S. Cav[.]

Mustering Officer

Fort Leavenworth, Ks[.]

I have the honor to request certified copies of the muster-in rolls of Co. A.[,]B.[,]C.[,]D. & F. of the 2nd Ks. Colored Vols. The above Co's were mustered by you, and you will confer a favor by forwarding them immediately, that I may be enabled to complete the organization of the Regt.

I am[.] Sir[,]

Very Respecfully

Your Obdt[.] Servant

T.J. Anderson

Asst[.] Adj[.] General

War Department

Adjutant Generals Office

Washington, D.C. Sep[.] 28, 1863

Major General James G. Blunt
U.S. Volunteers
Fort Scott Kansas

General,

I am instructed by the Secretary of War to direct that all the officers appointed to the 2nd. Regt. Kansas Colored Volunteers must be regularly mustered into service for three years or during the War, as provided in General Order, No. 48, current series, War. Department.

Those heretofore appointed will be immediately mustered into service as above directed, provided they have not already been so mustered. In cases where the date on which the Officer joined for duty is not known, the question of muster will be referred to the Department and a muster[-]in will be ordered to date from the date on which the Officer accepted his appointment.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt[.] Servant
C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjut[.] Gen'l

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War Department
Adjutant General's Office
Washington D.C. Sept 25th 1863

Lieut[.] James R. Kemble
3rd U.S. Cavalry
Chief M.O. State Kansas
Fort Leavenworth

Sir[.]

I am directed to enclose herewith, a copy of a letter of June 26th, which prescribes the conditions under which the Officers of the 14th Kansas Cavalry are to be commissioned. Prior to the receipt of the said letter, it was arranged that the Officers should be commissioned by His Excellency the Gov'r on the nomination of Major General Blunt, you will, therefore, observe the foregoing strictly and refuse to make any muster of Officers for the regiment until you are assured the orders of the War Department have been fully complied with. If musters have been made by you in violation of the said orders you will immediately revoke them.

Copies of this letter have been furnished His Excellency the Gov'r and Major Gen'l Blunt, for their information and guidance.

You will, also, furnish three copies, and report upon having done so to this office[.]

I am[.] Sir[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt[.] Servant

(Signed) Thos[.] M. Vincent

Asst. Adjut[.] Gen'l

Official Copy

Respectfully furnished for the information

Major general Jas[.] G. Blunt

U.S. Vols[.]

Thomas M. Vincent

Asst. Adjut[.] Gen'l

War Department

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, D.C. Sep. 25th. 1863

His Excellency

The Governor of Kansas

Leavenworth Kansas

Sir[.]

In answer to your letter of the 11th inst. in reference to commissions and musters of the officers of the 14th Kansas Cavalry, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a letter on the subject to the U.S. Mustering Officer.

In addition, I am instructed to inform your Excellency that should it not be your desire to commission the Officers under the conditions embraced in your letter from this office of June 26th, it will [MS. illegible] on the War Department to issue the same, as in other like cases, upon the receipt of the proper rolls at this office.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt[.] Servant

(Signed) Tho[.] M. Vincent

Asst. Adjut[.] Gen'l

Official Copy

Respectfully furnished for the information of
Major Gen'l J.G. Blunt U.S. Vols
the HdQrs. Dept[.] of the Miss'o
Thomas. M. Vincent
Asst. Adjut[.] Gen'l

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War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington, D.C. June 26th 1863

Major General J.G. Blunt, U.S. Vols[.]
[MS. illegible] Comd'g General Dept[.] of Missouri
St. Louis, Mo.

General,

The authority given you, of date June 5th to raise a regiment of Cavalry, is hereby amended as follows:

The Company Officers will be commissioned by the Governor, on the nomination of the members of the respective companies.

The Field Officers will be so commissioned on the nomination of the majority of the company officers.

This modification is made at the request of his Excellency the Govenor, but is not intended to affect any appointments, which may have been duly made, prior to the receipt of this by you.

I am[,] General, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas M. Vincent
Asst. Adjutant General

Official
Thomas M. Vincent
Asst. Adjutant General

Baxter Springs Oct[.] 9th 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secy[.] of War

Sir[.]

I have the honor to request the discharge of Corporal J.E.D. Shull of the 2nd Kans. Battery, and his appointment 1st Lieut[.] of Co. "A" 2nd Kans. Colored Vols. to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of 1st Lieut. Ralph E. Cook killed at the Battle of Baxter's Springs, on the 6th inst[.], said discharge and commission to date from the 15th of Oct[.] 1863[.]

Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Jas[.] G. Blunt

Major General and

Recruiting Commissioner

State of Kansas
Executive Department
Topeka. Oct 9th 1863

Major[.]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your certificate of Election of sundry offices of the 14th Regt[.] Kansas Cavalry, and to inform you that the same will be presented to Gov. Carney, upon his return to the State, which will probably be in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]

Ward Burlingame

Priv. Sec'y

Maj. T[.]J[.] Anderson
Asst. Adj't[.] Genl[.]
Fort Scott

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Head Quarters District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas. Oct 14th 1863

Special Orders
No[.] 89

II . . . The following named enlisted men now on recruiting service for the 14th Reg't Ks. Vols. are hereby relieved and will report to their Comd'g Officers for duty. Viz--

Serg't James Graham[,] Co[,] "C" 6th Kans[,] Cav. Vols[.]
[Sergeant] C.C. Senville[,] [Co.] "F" [6th Kans. Cav. Vols.]
[Sergeant] Holcroft[,] [Co.] "D" 13th [Kans.] Infy[.] [Vols.]
Private J.M. Mills[,] [Co.] "D" 14th [Kans.] Cav[.] [Vols.]
[Private] Frank [Petersill?][,] [Co.] "C" [14th Kans. Cav. Vols.]
[Private] Wm[,] A. Scott[,] [Co.] "G" 9th [Kans. Cav. Vols.]

By Command of
Major General Blunt
T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. & Rect'g Comm.

War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington, D.C. Oct[,] 5th 1863

Major T[.]J[.] Anderson
A.A. Genl. Vols[.]
Head Quarters Rect'g Commission
Fort Scott Kansas

Major[,]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult[.], asking if Enlisted men who have received recruiting Commissions are entitled to commutation of rations at the rate of (75) seventy five cents per diem.

In reply thereto, I am directed to say that such men are not on the "Recruiting Service" in the sense required by the recruiting regulations to entitle them to commutation of rations.

Their reward for successful recruiting lies in their subsequent appointment and muster into service as Officers[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Servant
C.W. Foster
Asst[,] Adj[.] General

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 14th 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton

Sec'y of War

I herewith transmit for your approval the enclosed order transferring Co[.] "C" 5th Regt[.] I.H.G. to Co[.] "M" 14th Kans[.] Vols.

I beg to state for your information the following as the reasons for such action.

This Co[.] was recruited in Kansas and is composed of civilized and intelligent Indians[,] mostly shawnee who speak english. They selected their Officers and were mustered into the 5th Reg't. I.H.G. before the Order was received from the War Dep't. to muster out the Officers of the 4th & 5th Reg'ts. and transfer the men to other Indian Reg't's. They could not be transferred to either the 1st[,] 2nd or 3rd Reg't's without breaking up the Co[.] and distributing the men. To this they objected: having been enlisted with the promise that they should have their own Co[.] organization, but consented to become a part of the organization of the 14th Reg't Kans[.] Vols. Knowing the peculiarities of Indian characters, I believed to break up their Co[.] and distribute them in other Reg's would destroy the [efficiency?]. Therefore I have concluded that the best way to remedy the

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difficulty, is to transfer them to the 14th Reg't. which needs only this Co. to complete its organization with 12 Cos. The men will make good Cavalry Soldiers equal to any in the service, and for Scouting purposes superior to any other class of men. I trust that the action I have taken in this matter may receive your favorable consideration.

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt[.] Servant

Major General

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 14th 1863

His Excellency

The Gov[.] of Kansas.

Topeka Kansas

Sir[.]

I certify on honor that at an Election of the members of Co. "M" 14th Kans[.] Vols[.] for Co[.] Officers held at Fort Scott Ks[.] this day, the following Officers were duly & fairly elected
Viz--

Captain Joseph G[.] Vann.
1st Lieut. Alexander Barnes
2nd Lieut[.] Wm[.] S. [Trott?]

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]

Asst. Adj[.] Genl[.]
Rect'g Comr[.]

Head Quarters Recruit'g Com.
Fort Scott Kans. Oct. 16, 1863.

His Excellency
The Governor of Kansas.
Topeka Kans.

Sir,

I certify on honor that at an election held by the members of Co. "S." 14th Kansas Vols.
at Fort Scott Kans. this day, for Officers of the Company, the following named persons were
duly and fairly elected to the positions indicated. viz.

Captain Charles Harris
1st Lieut. Joseph R. Pratt.
2nd Lieut. Wm. A. Wrightenberry.

Very Respectfully[,] Sir[,]
Your Obedient Servant

A.A. Gen'l
Recruiting Commission

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 17th 1863

J. Howard Gillpatrick
Fort Scott Ks.

Sir[.]

You are hereby notified that you have been appointed Major of the 2nd Regt[.] Ks[.] Colored Vols. subject to the approval of Sec'y. of War. Pending the receipt of your appointment, you are assigned to the command of the Regt. and will enter at once upon the discharge of your duties.

By Command of
Major General Blunt
Recruiting Commissioner

Asst. Adj't[.] Gen'l[.]

Hd[.] Qrs. Recruiting Commission
14th Reg. Ks. Vol. Cav'y.
Fort Scott Oct. 5, 1863

Lieut. J.R. Kemble
Mustering & Disbursing Officer

Sir[.]

Maj[.] Gen'l Blunt[.] Recruiting Commissioner, directs me to inform you, That: J.G. Brown, Commissioned by his Excellency the Gov. of Ks. a Major in the 14th Ks[.] Cavy[.] in violation of instructions received from the War Dept[.], bearing date of June 26th, 1863, cannot be recognized as such[.]

I am Respectfully
Your Obedt[.] Servt[.]
T. Moonlight

Lt[.] Col[.] 14th Ks[.] Vols[.]
& Superintendent Rect'g 14th Ks[.] Cav'y

War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington D.C. Oct[.] 9th 1863

Major General
James G. Blunt
Comd'g. District of the Frontier
Fort Scott Kansas

General[.]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, recommending certain persons for appointment to the Second Regiment Kansas Colored Vols. and to inform you that the appointments therein recommended are approved by the Secretary of War, with the exception of the Colonel and Chaplain. I am directed to say that these two Officers will not be appointed until the ten companies of which the regiment is to be composed are mustered into service.

Enclosed herewith please find the appointments of Major Gillpatrick, Surgeon Wolgomott and Captain Adams.

The appointments of Lieutenants Kaiserman and Nichols will be forwarded in a day or two, with the order for their discharge from service as enlisted men.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servant
C.W. Foster
Asst[.] Adj't[.] Genl[.]

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Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 17th 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton
Sec'y of War
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

I have the honor to report the organization of the 2nd REg. Ks. Col'd Vols[.], complete numbering in the aggregate 835 enlisted men as per accompanying Report of Maj. T[.]J[.] Weed, Asst[.] Coms'y of Musters.

I have the honor to nominate the following persons for Commissioned Officers --Viz--
Col. S.J. Crawford
Lt[.] Col. Horatio Knowles
Asst[.] Surgeon J.D. Wood
Chaplain. J.B. McAfee

Captain Ebenezer Curtis
[Captain] Alexander Rush
[Captain] James S. [Rafety?]
[Captain] John Branson

1st Lieut[.] Orlando S. Bartlett
[1st Lieut.] Marcus F[.] Gillpatrick
[1st Lieut.] David C. Westervelt
[1st Lieut.] Wm. G. White

2nd Lieut[.] George E. Hutchinson
[2nd Lieut.] D.K. Hardin
[2nd Lieut.] Harry E. Chase
[2nd Lieut.] Jesse Buckman

I also respectfully request that the following enlisted men be discharged the service[:]
Ebenezer Curtis[,] Private Co[.] "F" 9th Ks[.] Vols[.]
Orlando S. Bartlett[,] [Private] Co. "A" 12th Ks[.] Vols[.]
D.K Hardin[,] Private[,] Co. "F" 12th Ks[.] Vols[.]
Marcus F[.] Gillpatrick[,] [Private] Co[.] "C" 9th Ks[.] Vols[.]
Alexander Rush[,] [Private] Co[.] "F" 11th. Ks[.] Vols[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Major General

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 19th 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton
Sec'y of War

Sir[,]

Having completed the Organization of the 2nd Regiment of Kansas Colored Vols., of which I notified your Dept. Officials on yesterday. I now have the honor to request authority to raise and organize two additional Regiments and a Battery of Artillery.

My experience is, that negroes make Soldiers equal to any in the service. They can be more easily drilled and better disciplined than white volunteers, while there Valor & Gallantry, has been thoroughly tested and found equal to any emergency.

late dispatches from Fort Smith and Fort Gibson informs me that negroes are continually coming within our lines, and are anxious to enter service. And upon my arrival at Fort Smith, for which place I expect to leave in a few days, I can recruit the 3rd & 4th Regiments with little delay.

I trust this application may receive your favorable consideration[.]

Very Respectfully

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Your Obedt[.] Servant

Major General

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 19th 1863

At an Election held at the Hd[.] Qrs. 14th Ks. Vols[.] on the 19th day of October 1863 for Regimental Adjutants[.] "We" the undersigned Officers of said Regiment do cast our votes as follows for Wm. O. Gould[:]

Charles Willetts[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "C"

John F. Dalton[.] 1st Lieut[.] Co. "C"

B.F[.] Henry[.] 2nd [Lieut.] Co. "C"

M. O. Teeple[.] Capt[.] Co. "J"

Joseph Rickobaugh[.] 2nd Lieut[.] Co[.] "J"

George S[.] Bowen[.] 1st [Lieut.] Co[.] "J"

W.H. Campbell[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "G"

O.S. Steel[.] 1st Lieut[.] Co[.] "G"

James M. Kilgore[.] 2nd [Lieut.] Co[.] "G"

John A. Huff[.] 1st Lieut[.] Co[.] "F"

William D. Parrish[.] 2nd [Lieut.] Co[.] "F"

Thos[.] Stevenson[.] Capt[.] Co[.] "H"

James O. Ogan[.] 1st Lieut[.] Co. "H"

D. Sawyer[.] 2nd Lieut[.] Co[.] "H"

G.R. [Nuzum?][.] Capt[.] Co. "K"

J. [Uff?][.] 1st Lieut[.] Co. "K"

H. Hinton[,] 2nd Lieut[.] Co[.] "K"
H.M. Bixbie[,] Capt[.] Co. "D"
S.S. Jennings[,] 1st Lieut[.] Co[.] "D"
James Berry[,] 2nd [Lieut.] Co[.] "D"
Charles Harris[,] Capt[.] Co[.] "S"
Joseph R. Pratt[,] 1st Lieut[.] Co. "S"
Wm. Wrightenberry[,] 2nd [Lieut.] Co[.] "S"
Chas. H. Haynes[,] Capt[.] Co. "B"
James Morris[,] 1st Lieut[.] Co[.] "B"
Andrew M. Anderson[,] 2nd [Lieut.] Co[.] "B"

A.H. Campbell.
President.

M.O. Teeples,
Secretary.

Head Quarters, Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Oct[.] 27th 1863

J.D. Wood
[Wayland?]
Shawnee Co[.]
Kanzas

Sir[,]

I have the honor to inform you that you have been nominated by Major General Blunt, as Asst[.] Surgeon of the 2nd Regiment Kansas Colored Volunteers, Pending your appointment by the Sec'y of War. You are assigned to duty in the regiment, and on receipt hereof will report to your Comd'g Officer for duty[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Servant
T.J. Anderson
Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]
Recruiting Commission

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kans. Oct. 23rd 1863.

Capt. C.W. Foster
Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.
Chief of Col'd Bureau
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith muster-in Rolls and enlistment papers of Co's.
A.[,]B.[,]C.[,]D & F. 2nd Regt. Kans. Colored Volunteers, mustered by Lieut. J.R. Kemble[,] 3rd
U.S. Cavalry Mustering Officer for the State of Kansas. Co's E.G.H.J. & K were

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mustered by Major T.J. Weed A.D.C. and Asst. Com'g of Musters for the District of Kansas,
who has forward through the proper channel the Muster-in Rolls and enlistment papers.

I am[,] Captain[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Asst. Adj't.[.] Gen'l
Recruiting Commission

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kans. Oct. 23, 1863.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that you have been nominated by Major Gen'l Blunt as Colonel
of the 2nd Regt. Kans. Col[ore]d Vols. pending your appointment by the Secretary of War[.]
You are assigned to the command of the Regiment and on receipt thereof will at once enter upon
the discharge of your duties[.]

By Command of Major Gen. Blunt

S.J. Crawford[,] Asst. Adj't. Gen.
Capt[,] 2nd Ks. Cav.

Fort Scott Ks[.] Oct. 26, 1863

Major Anderson

Sir[.]

I respectfully decline the position of Surgeon 14th Ks. Vol. in consequence of my having been appointed to the position of Asst[.] Surgeon at this Post[.]

Very respectfully

Your Obt[.] servant

(signed) Jno. [John] H. Page

U.S. Mustering & Disbursing Office
Fort Leavenworth Ks[.] Oct[.] 20, 1863

Mr. James. G. Brown

Sir:

Having been officially informed by Major General Jas. G. Blunt, Commanding District of the Frontier and Recruiting Commissioner for the 14th Regiment Ks. Cavalry Vols. that you have been commissioned as Major in the 14th Reg't[.] Kans[.] Cav. Vols. in violation of instructions received from the War Department, bearing dates June 5th and June 26, 1863[.] Your muster as Major in said regiment is therefore revoked[.]

Very respectfully

Your obt[.] servant

signed J.R. Kemble

1st Lt[.] 3rd U.S. Cavalry

Must'g & Disb[urs]ing Off[icer]

copy respectfully [forwarded] to
Major J.G. Blun[t]

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State of Kansas.

Executive Department.

Topeka October 29th 1863.

Maj[.] T.J. Anderson.

Asst[.] Adj[t.] General

Recruiting Commission.
Fort Scott Kansas.

Major[.]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, per favor of Major T.J. Weed, of a certified Roster of the Officers of the 14th Regiment Kansas Volunteers Cav.

These officers I have commissioned with the following exceptions: Colonel Thomas Moonlight: Major[.] H.S. Greeno and J. Fin Hill: Surgeon -- Page: Asst[.] Surgeon[.] J.F. Hathaway, Commissary J.C. Haskell, and the Officers of Company "B[.]"

I have declined to commission the Officers above specified for the following reasons[:]

1st[.] I have no official information that the Regiment is filled to the standard which would entitle it to a Colonel.

2nd[.] On the 16th day of April 1863 Thomas Moonlight was duly commissioned Colonel of the 11th Regiment Kansas Volunteers, which commission he now holds, thus preventing me from legally appointing him to an office of like grade in another Regiment.

I have already commissioned two Majors for this Regiment Viz: John G. Brown and Daniel H. David and the reason given for declining to commission a Colonel likewise prevents me from Commissioning J. Fin Hill. In the case of H.S. Greeno, in addition to the reason given above there is this Special reason why I cannot commission him Viz: there are on file in my office a number of charges of a grave nature against the character of said Greeno, proffered from various sources and apparently well supported. I cannot therefore consistently and conscientiously promote him to any position in any of the Volunteer Regiments of this State.

I have not commissioned either -- Page as Surgeon or J.F. Hathaway as Asst[.] Surgeon for the reason that no certificate of qualification from the Board of Medical examiners of this state has been presented by either as required by law.

The same reason which prevented me from commissioning at this time a Colonel[.] an additional Major, and an additional asst[.] Surgeon (that is the incompleteness of the Regiment) also prevents my commissioning a Commissary.

The Company reported as Company "B" of this Regiment was raised for the sixth Regiment Kansas Vol. Cav. under my auspices and by my Authority and the Officers of said Company were Commissioned by me for Co[.] "M" of said sixth Reg't[.] A pretended assignment of said Company to the 14th Regiment was made without authority of law and without my consent or approval.

I therefore recognize this Company as not properly belonging to the 14th Regiment, and cannot commission its Officers as such.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]
Tho[.] Carney Gov.

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas. Nov[.] 5, 1863.

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd inst[.] informing me that the recent election of Field Officers by the Co[.] Officers of the 14th Kansas Vols[.] was unauthorized and directing me to make no certificate of election or musters except in accordance with the original election a certified copy of which is on file in this office. In reply I have to say that at the urgent request of the officers concerned I attended a meeting of the Company Officers of that Reg't held at the Office of Capt[.] Clark, on the 4th inst., a majority of the company Officers being there represented and at which the following named persons were unanimously elected to the Field positions set opposite their names respectively-- to wit,

Charles H. Blair[.] Colonel
Daniel H. David[.] Lieut[.] [Colonel]
James G. Brown[.] 1st Major
Albert J. Briggs[.] 2d [Major]
J. Fin Hill[.] 3d [Major]

Subsequently, I made a certificate at the request of said officers, a copy of which I enclose. This certificate, with the original proceedings of the meeting -- signed[.] I am informed[.] by Twenty six Company Officers has been sent to the Governor of Kansas with the request that the Officers so elected be at once Commissioned.

If in consequence of this action other officers than those chosen at an earlier election should present commissions, and ask to be mustered into the Regiment. I shall of course under the instructions of the Comdg[.] General as contained in your communication -- be obliged to suspend all action as a Mustering Officer -- and refer the matter to the Adj[.] Genl[.] for decision[.]

The receipt of a letter, addressed to Hon[.] E.M. Stanton by Maj[.] Genl[.] Blunt[.] Recruiting Commissioner is acknowledged and it will be forwarded by next mail -- with a certified copy of election of Field Officers as directed.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Maj[.] Genl[.] Blunt a copy of a letter from his excellency Thos[.] Carney[.] Gov[.] of Kansas[.] giving his reasons for not commissioning certain Officers for the 14th Kans[.] Vols[.] -- named within[.]

I Remain[.] Major[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]

Maj[.] & A.D.C.

Actg[.] Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]

Maj[.] T.J. Anderson
Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]
Dist[.] of Frontier

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Scott Kansas Nov[.] 8th 1863.

Major[.]

I have the honor to transmit herewith Duplicate Receipts for Blank Books, Stationery &c.
transferred to me by you on the Second day of Nov. 1863.

I Remain[.] Major[.]
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]
Maj[.] & A.D.C.
Actg[.] Asst. Adj[.] Genl.

Maj[.] T.J. Anderson
Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl.
Dist[.] of the Frontier

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Mustering and Disbursing Office
Fort Leavenworth Kansas
Oct. 23d 1863

Major T.J. Anderson
Asst. Adj[.] Genl[.] & Recruiting Comr.
Fort Scott Kansas

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, copy of a circular received from the War
Department giving to each enlisted Colored Solider a premium of two dollars.

I am[.] Major[.]
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Sevt.
(Signed) J.R. Kemble
1st Lieut[.] 3d U.S. Cav.

Mustering & Disb'g Officer

War Department
Provost Marshal Genl[.]'s Office.
Washington D.C. Aug. 24. 1863.
Circular

Lieut[.] J.R. Kemble
Mustering and Disb'g Officer
Fort Leavenworth Kans.

Sir:

By direction of the Secret'y of War, the enlistment fee of two dollars will be paid for all accepted Col. Recruits. Such payments will be made and accounted for in the manner prescribed by existing Regulations.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) James B[.] Fry
Provost Marshal Gen'l.

Official

(Signed) C. McKeever

A.A. General

P.M.G.O.

13th Oct. 1863

A True Copy

(Signed) J.R. Kemble

1st Lieut[.] 3d U.S. Cav.

Capt. Musters State of Kansas

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War Department

Adjutant Gen'l's Office

Washington D.C. Oct. 30. 1863

Major Gen'l. James G. Blunt
Com'dg Dist. of the Frontier

Fort Scott Kans.

General[.]

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. requesting authority to raise two Colored Regiments Infantry and one Light Artillery Company, I am directed to inform you, that authority for you to raise one regiment of Infantry, Colored, will be issued to day.

There being now a sufficiency of Light Artillery in service it is not deemed expedient to authorized more to be raised[.]

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt[.] Servant

Signed C.W. Foster

Asst. Adj. Genl. Vols.

War Department

Adj. Genls[.] Office.

Washington D.C. Oct. 30, 1863

Major Gen. James G. Blunt

Comd'g Dist[.] of the Frontier

Fort Scott Kansas

General:

I am instructed by the Secty[.] of War to inform you that you are hereby authorized to raise within the limits of your command, one Regiment of Infantry to be composed of Colored men, to be mustered into the service of the United States for three years or during the war.

This Regiment will be known and designated as the Eleventh (11th) Regiment United States Colored Troops.

To these troops no bounties will be paid. They will receive ten dollars per month and one ration, three dollars of which monthly pay may be in clothing.

The organization of the Regiment must conform in all respects to the requirements of General Orders No. 110 Current Series War Department.

The Officers will be appointed by the President, and the appointments will be confined to those who pass the examining Boards, as provided

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in General Orders Nos. 143 and 144 Current Series War Department.

Candidates for appointment will on your recommendation receive permission from the War Department to appear for examination before the Board now in session at Saint Louis Mo.

At your request, one Field Officer with the rank of Lieut[.] Colonel, and four Second Lieuts[.] will be appointed to commence the organization of the regiment.

Officers will be mustered into service when they join for duty, on the presentation to the proper Mustering Officer their appointments signed by the Secrt[.] of War.

The necessary supplies will be furnished by the respective Depts[.] on your requisition[.]
I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) C.W. Foster
Asst. Adj. Genl. Vols.

Head Quarters Recrt'g Com.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 19, 1863

Captain[.]

You are hereby notified that you have been nominated to the President of the U.S. for appointment as Lieut. Col. of the 11th Regt. U. States Colored Troops to be organized under my supervision, by authority of the Secretary of War a copy of which is herein enclosed.

Immediately on the receipt of this authority you will select a rendezvous for the reception of recruits who will be enlisted on Certificates of Enlistment. A medical officer will be detailed to report to you for the purpose of examining all recruits prior to enlistment, and no recruit will be enlisted until he has passed a thorough examination by the examining Surgeon and in all other respects the organization must conform with the requirements of General Orders No[.] 110 Current Series War Department[.]

Requisitions for Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage[.] arms & Ordinance Stores will be made by you on the different Depts[.] at this post, to be approved at these Head Quarters.

Four Recruiting Officers with the rank of 2nd Lieutenants will be detailed to report to you with as little delay as possible, and noncommissioned Officers and privates of other Regiments will upon your request be de=

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tailed to report to you, as they may be required to drill recruits. You will report weekly to these Head Quarters the number of Recruits enlisted[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 23, 1863
Hon[.] E[.]M. Stanton
Secretary of War

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowld[ge] the receipt on the 14th inst. of your letter of authority of date of the 30th ultimo. to recruit the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops.

As directed I have selected 5 persons and assigned them to duty as Recruiting Officers and request that the enlisted men be discharged and Commissions issued as follows[.]

Capt. James M. Steele[.] 12th Kans. Vols[.] as Lieut. Col. and

Private Joseph Sample[.] Co. H. 2d Ks. Vols[.]

[Private] John Hays[.] Co[.] H[.] 5th [Ks. Vols.]

[Private] Wm[.] H.T. Wakefield[.] Co. B. 12th Ks. [Vols.] and Alanson Simonds (Citizen) as 2nd Lieutenants[.]

About 250 recruits have already been enlisted and there is every prospect that the regiment will be speedily filled.

Meritorious Non Commissioned Offs[.] and privates from the old Regiments will be nominated to you for officers of the 11th Regt[.] U.S. Col[ore]d Troops soon as they can be selected.

In view of the great distance from Saint Louis without regular facilities of communication, I would suggest if practicable, that a Board for the examination of candidates for positions be convened at this place, or that one or more numbers of the Board be ordered here from St[.] Louis for that purpose. It will be a serious inconvenience to send men to St[.] Louis for examination[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obt[.] Servant

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

Address all communications via St[.] Louis & Springfield Mo.

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Head Qrs. Dist. of the Frontier
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 19, 1863

Special Orders

No. 14

II . . . Capt. J.M. Steele[,] 12th Kans. Vols. is hereby detailed as Recruiting Officer and will report forthwith to Major Genl[.] Blunt Recruiting Commissioner at Fort Smith.

By Command of Brig[.] Genl[.] John McNeil

Signed Jo. T. Tatum

Actg[.] Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl[.]

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Smith Ark[.] Nov. 25, 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton

Secretary of War

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate 1st Lieut[.] Silas Hunter of the 2nd Regiment of Indian Home Guards for appointment as Major of the 11th Reg. U.S. Colored Troops now in process of organization by authority of the War Dept.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt[.] Servt[.]

Major Genl[.]

Recruiting Commission

Head Quarters Rec. Com[.]

Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 26/ 63

Capt[.] C[.]W. Foster

Asst. Adj[.] Gen'l

Washington D.C.

Sir:

General Orders No. 75 A.G.O. Washington D.C. dated July, 8, 1862 authorizes the payment of one Recruiting Officer for each Co'y as 2d Lieut. from date of appointment to date of muster into the service. Are Recruiting Officers for Colored Regiments entitled to the same pass?

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt[.] Servt[.]

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Qrs. Recrtg[.] Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Nov. 26, 63
Lieut[.] Silas Hunter
Recruiting Officer
11th U.S. Col[.] Troops

Sir,

Major Genl[.] Blunt[,] Rec. Comr. directs that you collect all colored recruits at or near
Fort Gibson C.N. and forward them to this place with as little delay as possible[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt[.] Servt[.]

A.A.G.

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Head Quarters Dist. of the Frontier
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 25, 1863.

Special Orders
No. 20

III 1st Lieut. Silas Hunter[,] 2nd Regt. Indian Home Guards having been selected for
the position of Major of the 11th U.S. Colored Troops, is hereby relieved from duty with his
Regiment, and will report without delay to [for?] duty to Major General James G. Blunt at Fort
Smith.

By Command of Brig. Gen. McNeil
(Signed) Jo. T. Tatum
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Rec. Commission

Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 30. '63
Hon[.] E[.]M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Lieut. Col. Fred. W. Schaurte of the 2nd Regt. Indian Home Guards for appointment as Colonel of the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops now in process of organization at this place by authority of the War Department[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters 11th U.S. Col. Troops.
December 1st 1863

Major:

I send you below the names of five men who were enlisted by Lieut. Sample and two by Lieut[.] Hayes, for the 11th U.S. Colored & to some of whom Clothing was issued.

They afterwards deserted and joined the 1st Kansas Colored.

I presume if you would call the attention of Col. Williams to the matter, they would be promptly returned.

I am Very Respectfully
Your most Obt. Servant

Signed J.M. Steele
Lt. Col. 11th U.S. Col. Troops
and Recruiting Officer.

Major T.J. Anderson
A.A.G. Rec. Com.
Fort Smith Ark.

Names
Wm. Banks
Joseph Cowan
John Henry
Henry Joins

Wm. Magnice
Enlisted by Lt. Sample

Solomon Davis
Emmet Johnson
[Enlisted by] Lt. Hayes.

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Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Dec. 4, '63
Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following meritorious enlisted men as candidates for positions of Commissioned Officers in the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops, & request that they be directed to appear before the Board for examination.

1st Lieut. Gillpatrick[,] 2nd I.H.G. [Indian Home Guards]
Qr. Mr. Sgt. Stephen Wheeler[,] Co[.] F. 3rd Wis. Cav.
Private Bryan I. Dugdale[,] [Co.] H [3rd Wis. Cav.]
Sergt. Thompson[,] [Co. H] 2d Ks. Vols.
[Sergt.] Kerns [Co. H 2d Ks. Vols.]
Private Wallace H[,] Johnson[,] [Co.] E [2d Ks. Vols.]
[Private] Wm. H[,] Smith[,] [Co.] I [2d Ks. Vols.]
1st Sergt. Henry Hurd[,] [Co.] B. 12th [Ks. Vols.]
Private H.J. Heath[,] [Co. B. 12th Ks. Vols.]
Sergt[,] Thos. Prastor[,] [Co.] E. [12th Ks. Vols.]
[Sergt.] Jas. W. Gilges[,] [Co. E. 12th Ks. Vols.]
Privt[,] Abram Smith[,] [Co. E. 12th Ks. Vols.]
Corp. Wm. R. Smith[,] [Co.] F. [12th Ks. Vols.]
Sergt. Augustus Frohm[,] [Co. F.] 13th [Ks. Vols.]
Priv. Theo. C. Weaver[,] Co[.] D. [13th Ks. Vols.]
Qr. Mr. Sg. Wm. H[,] Boyd[,] 2nd Kans. Battery
Corp'l Geo. C. Palmer[,] [2nd Kans. Battery]
Priv. Brown[,] 1st Ark. Vols.

Permission for the above named men to appear before the Board, to be forwarded to
Major T. J. Anderson[,] A.A.G. Recruiting Commission[,] Fort Smith Ark.

1st Sergt. Benj[,] B. Rippert[,] Co. I. 11th Ks. Vols[.]

Sergeant J.C. Myers[,] Co. I 11th Kas. Vols.
[Sergeant] Thos. A. Turner[,] [Co. I 11th Kas. Vols.]
Corp. John Bradshaw[,] [Co. I 11th Kas. Vols.]
Com. Sg. R.J. Waterhouse[,] [Co. I 11th Kas. Vols.]
The above to be forwarded to the Commanding Officer[,] 11th Kas. Vols.[,] Kansas City
Mo.

Sergt. Howard Grimes[,] Co. "[J?]" 7th Kas. Vols.
To be forwarded to Commanding Officer 7th Kans. Vols.[,] Corinth Miss.

Sergt. M.A. Palmer[,] Co. A 5th Kans. Vols.
[Sergt.] Jacob Orcott[,] [Co. A 5th Kans. Vols.]
Corpl. John Wassau[,] [Co. A 5th Kans. Vols.]
[Corpl.] G.M. Blackheart[,] [Co. A 5th Kans. Vols.]
Prv. D[.]W. Boutwell[,] [Co. A 5th Kans. Vols.]
To be forwarded to the Com'g Officer[,] Co. [MS. illegible] 5th Kans. Vols[.], Pine Bluff
Ark.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

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Head Qrs. Dist. of the Frontier
Fort Smith Ark[.] Dec. 5, 63.

Special Orders
No. 30

I . . . The Company of Colored Troops under the Command of Lieut[.] J.J.D. Scoles, is
hereby assigned to the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops now organizing at this place, Lieut[.]
Scoles will report to Major General Blunt for orders.
By Command of Brig. Gen. Jo[.] McNeil
(Signed) [MS. illegible]
Asst. Adjt. Gen'l

Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission

Fort Smith Ark[.] Dec. 5, 1863
Col. James B. Fry
Provost Marshal General.

Sir[.]

I have the honor to respectfully request, that you furnish me with a complete file of
Orders & Circulars issued from you[r] Bureau since its establishment[.]

I am[.] Sir[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Asst[.] Adj. Gen.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Dec. 8th 1863.

Capt. C.W. Foster A.A.G.
and Chief of Col. Bureau
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the enlistment papers of Cos. E.[.]G.[.]H[.] I & K.
of the 2nd Regt. Kans. Col. Vols.

These papers were put into the hands of Major T.J. Weed[.] Asst. Com'g of Musters for
this District, to be forwarded, before leaving Fort Scott to establish Head Quarters at this place;
through some misunderstanding he neglected to do so, and upon his arrival at this place sent
them to these Head Quarters, which accounts for the delay[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt and A.A.A. Gen'l

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Dec. 16, 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton

Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request, that permission be granted Private J.G. Dodge[,] Co[.] "H" 11th Kans. Vols. to appear before the Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Major General
Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Dec. 18/63

Sir[.]

I have the honor to enclose the within order assigning one to duty as as Asst. Adj't. Gen'l of the Recruiting Commission of the Eleventh Regt. U.S. Colored Troops, and to report myself as still on duty as Aide de Camp to Major General Blunt and acting Asst. Adj't[.] Gen'l of said Commission[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
H.G. Loring
Capt. Co. "K" 10th Kans[.] Vols.
& Actg[.] A.A. Genl[.]
Commanding Officer
Co[.] "K" 10th Kans. Vols[.]
Topeka Kans[.]

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Dec. 18, 1863

Hon[.] E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

I have the honor to nominate Charles J. Lee M.D. of Marshall Co[.] Kansas for appointment as Surgeon of the 11th U.S. Colored Troops now in process of organization at this place[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Major General

Recruiting Commissioner.

Head Quarters Recrtg. Com.

Fort Smith Ark[.] Dec. 19, 1863

Hon[.] E[.]M. Stanton

Secretary of War

Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

I have the honor to nominate Rev. Henry J. Bauserman for appointment as Chaplain of the 11th Regt. U.S. Col[ore]d Troops now in process of organization at this place[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Major General

Recruiting Commissioner

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Smith Ark. Dec. 21, 1863

Hon. E.M. Stanton

Secretary of War.

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend the name of Private Howard Schuyler of Co[.] "J" 11th Kansas Vols. to appear before the examining Board, for appointment as one of the line Officers in the 11th Regt[.] U.S[.] Col[ore]d Troops[.]

Respectfully Your Obt. Servant

Major General
& Recruiting Commissioner

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War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington D.C. Dec. 8, 1863

Major General
James G. Blunt
Fort Scott Kansas

General,

In consequence of the great distance of Fort Smith, the point at which you are organizing the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops, from Saint Louis, I am directed to say that Candidates for appointment will not be sent to Saint Louis for *[text stricken through]* examination. The appointments will be made in your recommendation as in the case of the 2nd Kans. Col[ore]d Vols.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjt. General Vols.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Dec. 28, 1863.

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secty[.] of War
Washington D.C.

Sir.

Companies A[.] B & C. of the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops[.] having been duly organized & mustered into the U.S. service on the 19th of December 1863, I have the honor to request that the following appointments be made, to take rank from that date, and also that orders for the discharge of the enlisted men in the following list be issued from same date Viz.
Private Josiah Sample[.] Co[.] "A" 2nd Kans. Vols. as Captain Co[.] A.
[Private] John Hays Jr[.] [Co. "A"] 5th [Kans. Vols. as Captain Co.] B

1st Lieut. Ernestus P. Gillpatrick[,] 2nd Ind. H. Gu. [as Captain Co.] C.
Sergt. Thomas Prastor[,] Co. "E" 12th Kas. Vols. [as] 1st Lieut[.] [Co.] A
[Sergt.] Benj. B. Thompson[,] [Co.] "G" 2nd [Kas. Vols. as 1st Lieut. Co.] B.
[Sergt.] John W. Harvey[,] [Co. "G"] 18th Iowa [Vols. as 1st Lieut. Co.] C
Private Abram Smith[,] [Co.] "E" 12th Kans. [Vols. as] 2nd [Lieut. Co.] A
Sergt. Wm. C. Kerns[,] [Co.] "G" 2nd [Kans. Vols. as 2nd Lieut. Co.] B
Private Theo. C. Weaver[,] [Co.] "D" 13th [Kans. Vols. as 2nd Lieut. Co.] C.

The services of Adjutant Qr. Mr. and one medical officer for the Regiment being indispensable, I have the honor to nominate Qr. Mr. Sergt. Stephen Wheeler Co. F. 3d Wis[.] Cav. Vols[.] for Adjutant 1st Lieut[.] Andrew W. Robb, 3rd Indian H. Guards for Quartermaster and M.A. Campdora M.D. for 1st Asst. Surgeon.

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These nominations are made in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 8th inst., stating, "that the candidates for positions would not be required to go to St. Louis for examination but would be commissioned on my recommendation". They are selected from the list of names that have already been forwarded to your office.

As fast as other Companies are full and mustered, I will forward names for the various positions.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Major General

Recruiting Commissioner

Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission

Fort Smith Ark. Jan'y 1st 1864

Sir:

In compliance with paragraph 468 Rev. Reg. U.S. Army, I have the honor to report myself as performing the duties of Act'g Asst. Adj. Gen'l of the Recruiting Commission for the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops, a copy of the order assigning me to this duty is herewith enclosed[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring
Capt. Co. "K" 10th Kans. Vols.
A.D.C. & A.A.A. Gen'l
Commanding Officer
10th Ks. Vol. Infantry
Dist. of the Border.

War Department A.G.O.
Dec. 12th 1863.

Respectfully returned to Major Gen. J.G. Blunt
Fort Smith Ark.

Officers of Colored troops are mustered into service on the presentation to the proper mustering officer of their appointments, signed by the Secretary of War, and will be paid only from the date of such muster-in.

By Order of the Secretary of War
(Signed) C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjt[.] Gen. Vols.

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War Department
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington D.C. Dec. 10, 1863

Major General James G. Blunt
Fort Smith Arkansas
Via Saint Louis and Springfield Mo[.]

General[.]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo notifying the Department that you have two hundred & fifty Recruits for the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops, and submitting the names of several persons for appointment as officers of said Regiment.

In reply, I have respectfully to inform you that the Secretary of War approves the nominations made by you, and the appointments will be forwarded to you at the earliest practicable moment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjt. Genl[.] Vols.

Head Quarters Recruiting Com.
Fort Smith Ark[,] Jan'y 4, 1864

Sir:

In accordance with Gen. Orders No. 244 dated A.G.O. Washington D.C. July 28, 1863, I have the honor to report myself on duty as Recruiting Commission for the 11th Regt. U.S.

Colored Troops with the following Staff Off's Viz:

Capt[,] H.G[,] Loring[,] 10th Kans. Vol. Infantry Aide-De-Camp & A.A.A.G[,] Rect'g
Com. 11th U.S.C. Troops,

1st Lieut[,] J. Fin Hill[,] A.D.C. 11th Ks. Vol. Infty[.],

2nd Lt. John E[,] Tappan[,] 2d Colorado Cav. A.D.C.

Very Respectfully[,]

Your Obt. Servant[,]

Jas[,] G[,] Blunt

Major General.

Jany[,] 10 To Hayman. One cord of Wood[,] [MS. illegible] 3.50
[January] 11 [To Hayman.] One and a 1/4 of a cord. Oak. 4[,]37 1/2
[January] 12 [To Hayman.] One cord of wood[,] Oak. 3[,]50
[January] 14 To Fellmer[,] 2 cords of wood [MS. illegible] 7.00
[January] 14 To Ward 1 [cord of wood]
[January] 14 To Hayman 1 [cord of wood] 3.00.

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Fort Smith Ark.

December 31st 1863.

First Lieut[.]

Wm. R. Judson

Sir:

You are hereby relieved from duty as Aid-De-Camp and will report without delay to the Commanding Officer District of the Frontier for orders.

By Command of

Major Gen'l Blunt

H.G. Loring

Capt. and A.A.A. Gen'l

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Jan'y 2. 1864

Capt. C.W. Foster A.A.G.
and Chief of Colord. Bureau
Sir[.]

I have the honor to transmit herewith monthly & Tri-Monthly Returns of the 11th Regt.
U.S. Colored Troops for December 31st 1863[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H.G. Loring
Capt[.] and A.A.A. Genl[.]

Washington D.C. Jany. 9. 1864

To Major Gen'l Blunt

The President authorizes you to come to Washington forthwith.
By order of the Secretary of War
Jos. A[.] Hardin
A.A.G.

Washington D.C. Jan'y 11, 1864

To Major Genl. Blunt.

Please nominate Line Officers for Eleventh U.S. Colored Troops by order.
C.W. Foster
A.A.G.

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Fort Smith Ark[.] Nov. 28. 1863

Has been examined & ordered since to recruit for 11th U.S.C.T. States that if there is no prospect of his being assigned to said Regiment, he with Sergt. Harvey & Corporal Scoles who have been recruiting in conjunction with himself would like to return to their Regt. for duty[.]

War Department A.G.O.

Dec. 17, 1863

Respectfully referred to Major General Jas. G. Blunt[.] Fort Smith Ark[.], with the information that Lieut[.] Scoles was recommended for a Captaincy while Sergt. Harvey and Corpl. Scoles were rejected by the St. Louis Board.

By order:

signed C.W. Foster

A.A.G.

Head Quarters Dist. of the Frontier

Fort Smith Ark. Jany[.] 11th, 1864

Special Orders

No. 10.

III . . . Private William H. Smith[.] Co[.] J 2nd Kansas Cavalry will report to Major General James G. Blunt[.] Recruiting Commissioner for duty.

By Command of Col. Wm[.] R[.] Judson

(Signed) T.J. Anderson

Asst. Adj't[.] Gen'l

Head Qrs. 3rd Brigade Army of the Frontier

Van Buren Ark[.] Jan'y 14, 64

Special Orders

No. 6

II . . . Private Theodore C[.] Weaver[.] Co. "D" 13th Kansas Volunteer Infantry, is hereby relieved from duty as "Clerk" at these Head Quarters and will report to the Recruiting Commissioner of the 11th United States Colored Infantry for duty as 2nd Lieutenant[.]

By order of Col. Bowen Comd'g

(Signed) G.W. Smith

1st Lieut[.] & A.A.A.G.

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Jany 11, 1864

Capt[.] C.W. Foster A.A.G.
Chief of Colored Bureau
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Tri Monthly Return of the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored
Troops, in process of organization at this place[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A.G.

War. Dept. A.G. Office
Dec. 31. 1863

Respectfully returned to Maj. Gen. J.G. Blunt[,] Recruiting Commissioner[,] Fort Smith
Ark. and his attention invited to official Copy of Dept. letter of Dec. 8th inst[.] enclosed
herewith[.]

By order:

(Signed) C.W. Foster
Asst. Adjt. Gen. Vols.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Arkansas
April 14th 1864

Major C.W. Foster
A.A. Gen'l
Washington D.C.

Major[.]

I have the honor to request the appointment of the following named persons to complete the Organization of the 11th U.S. Infantry, Colored Troops.

Please send appointments and discharges of Enlisted men to Fort Smith Arkansas.

Viz.

To be Captains[:]

1st[,] Horace H. Johnson[,] 2d Lieut. 1st Ks. Col[ore]d
2d[,] Alonson Simons[,] 2d Lieut[.] 11th U.S. Col[ore]d troops
3d[,] Benjamin B. Reppert[,] 1st Sergt. Co[.] 'J' 11th Ks. Cavalry
4th[,] Edward T. Latta of Leavenworth Ks[.]

To be 1st Lieutenants[:]

1st[,] Jonas G. Dodge[,] Priv[.] Co. 'H' 11th Kansas Cavalry
2d[,] William Hunter[,] Sergt[.] Co. 'F' 2d Kansas Cavalry
3d[,] Thomas A[.] Turner[,] Sergt. Co[.] 'J' 11th Kansas Cavalry
4th[,] William R[.] Smith[,] Corpl. Co[.] 'F' 12th Kansas Inftry[.]

To be 2d Lieutenants[:]

1st[,] Samuel C[.] Griffith[,] Corpl. Co[.] 'A' 18th Iowa Infantry
2d[,] Robert J. Waterhouse[,] Sergt[.] N.C. Staff 11th Kansas Cavalry
3d[,] Wallace H. Johnson[,] Priv. Co. 'E' 2d Kansas Cavalry

I am[,] Major[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Most Obedient Servant

Jas[.] G[.] Blunt

Major Gen'l U.S. Vols.

Recruiting Commission

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When Received -

Jan[.] 26, 1864

Name of Writer -

Stanton Edwin M[.]

Secty[.] of War

to Lt. Wm[.] C[.] Gibbons

Adj't. 1st Ks. Col Vols[.]

Date & Purport of Letter -

War Department

Washington Jan. 6, 1864

Appointing Wm[.] C. Gibbons[,] 1st Lieut[.] & Adjutant in the 1st Regt. Kans[.] Col.

Vols.

Forwarded to Lt. Gibbons

When Received -

Jan. 26, 1864

Name of Writer -

War Department

Hardin Jas[.] A[.]

Asst[.] Adj't[.] Gen'l

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington D.C. Jan. 11. 64.

Unofficial evidence of the death of Major Henry Z. Curtis Asst. Adjutant General of Volunteers having been received at this office, I am directed to request that you will make a report of the same in conformity with paragraph 49 Revised Army Regulations.

When Received -

Jan[.] 26, 1864

Name of Writer -

War Department

Ed. McCanly

Brig[.] Gen. & A.A. Gen'l

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington D.C. Jan. 11, 1864

The Secretary of War directs that you furnish a copy of the report relating to peculations from the Government in subsistence, clothing and transportation of refugee Indians, called for by the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the 15th ultimo as the said report has not been rec'd at this Dept.

When Received -

Jan[.] 26, '64

Name of Writer -

War Department

A.G. Office

Sam. Breer

A.A.G.

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington Jan. 7, 1864

Please furnish for the information of this office a succinct account of your military history, while in the service of the United States since March 4, 1861[.] it is desirable that a correct account of the services rendered by each officer should appear on the records of this office, which fail (from the negligence of the proper Commanding Officers to render them complete) to give a full history in your case.

The date of assuming each command you have had, and when relieved thereof; how you were employed after being relieved from any command (if such has been the case) before being assigned to another: the date of commencement of each leave of absence, and conclusion thereof; when, if ever, on Court Martial, or Military Commission, giving date of commencement & conclusion of each, with the name of the President and Judge Advocate of the Court, & where it was sitting; also the names of Staff Officers, with their Ranks, serving on your personal Staff, the time & rank in which each officer served, and the date of his joining and being relieved from duty with you. Please add also a brief summary of the Battles &c. &c. in which you have been engaged.

Please make this report on letter sized paper, leaving a margin on
(over)

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the left hand side of one inch, that the reports may be bound in book form, to preserve with the permanent records of this Office.

An immediate compliance with the above is requested.

When Received -

Jany[.] 29

Name of Writer -

Prov. Msh. Gen'l

Chauncy McKeever

A.A.G.

Official copy furnished Lt. Col. J.M. Steel Jan[.] 31/64

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington D.C. Dec. 21. 63

States that the plates, cups, knives, forks & spoons will be provided for Colored recruits, same as for white ones from the appropriation for Collecting[,] Drilling & Organizing Vols.

War Dept. A.G.O.

Dec. 24, 1863.

Official copy respectfully furnished Major Genl. J.G. Blunt[,] Comd'g Dept[.] of the Frontier Fort Scott Kans[.] for his information.

By order:

(Signed) C.W. Foster

Asst[.] Adj[.] Genl. Vols.

When Received -

Feb. 2

Name of Writer -

Adjutant Genl[.]

2 Enclosures

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington Jan. 14, 1864

I forward herewith your appointment of Major in the Eleventh Regiment U.S. Colored Troops, your receipt and acceptance of which you will please acknowledge without delay, reporting at the same time your age and residence when appointed, the state where born, and your full name, correctly written. Fill up, subscribed, and return as soon as possible, the accompanying oath, duly & carefully executed.

Should you accept you will report in person for duty to Major General Blunt[,] U.S. Vols. Ft. Smith Ark.

Hd. Qrs. Rec. Com. Ft. Smith. Feb. 2. 64

Respectfully forward to Major Silas Hunter.

By Command:

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A. Gen'l

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When Received -

Feby. 12.

Name of Writer -

War Department

C.W. Foster

A.A.G.

Date & Purport of Letter -

War Dept. A.G.O[.]

Jan'y 25. 1864

Respectfully returned to Major Genl[.] Jas. G. Blunt Rectg Commissioner[,] Fort Smith Ark[.]: and his attention invited to Par. 2 Gen'l Orders No[.] 110 A.G.O[.] 1863 a copy of which is Enclosed herewith and in accordance with which Chaplains are appointed. Please see also Par. 208 Revised Regulations.

By order:

(Signed) C.W. Foster

Asst. Adjt. Genl. Vols.

When Received -

Feb. 12

Name of Writer -

Adjutant General

C.W. Foster

A.A[.]G[.]

To Surg. C.J. Lee

11th U.S.C.T.

Date & Purport of Letter -

Washington Jan. 29. '64

Enclosing appointment as Surgeon of the 11th U.S.C. Troops & ordering him to report to Major General Blunt[.]

Hd. Qr. Rec. Com. Fort Smith

Feby. 12. 1864

Respectfully forwarded to Surgeon C.J. Lee through Col[.] T.M. Bowen[,] Comd'g 3rd Brigade Army of the Frontier[.]

By command of

Major Gen'l Blunt

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A[.]A[.]A[.]G[.]

When Received -

Feb. 23

Name of Writer -

Steele J.M[.] Lt. Col.

11th U.S.C. Troops

Date & Purport of Letter -

Fort Smith Ark[.]

Feb'y 23. 1864

Enclosing communication from Head Qrs. Dept. of Kansas & requesting that the S.O.A.G.O[.] ordering the discharge of certain enlisted men be forwarded to Department Hd Quarters.

(1 Enclosure)

Hd. Qrs. Rectg[.] Commission

11th U.S. Colored Troops

Feby[.] 24. 1864

No application for the discharge of Enlisted men has been forwarded to Dept. HdQrs. from this office, therefore there is no knowledge of the letter alluded to at these Head Quarters. This communication is respectfully returned to Lieut[.] Col[.] J.M. Steele and attention invited to paragraph 451 Rev. Reg. U.S. Army. All applications for details and communications to District or Dept. Hd. Quarters will be in future forwarded through these Head Quarters[.]

By command of
Major Gen'l Blunt
H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A.A.A. Gen'l

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When Rec'd

1864

March 5

Name of Writer

Kansas Dept. of
John Williams A.A.G.

Date and Purport of Letter

Fort Leavenworth Ks. Feb. 21. 64

S.O. 26 -- Relieving enlisted men of the 11th Kansas Volunteer Cav. from duty with their
Regt[.] and ordering them to report to Major Genl[.] Blunt at Fort Smith Ark.

When Rec'd

March 8

Name of Writer

Adjutant Gen'l
Capt. C.W. Foster
A.A.G.

Date and Purport of Letter

Washington D.C. Feb. 24. 1864

Enclosing appointments of Josiah Sample, John Hay Jr, E.P. Gillpatrick, W.H. Smith,
W.H. Boyd & Howard Schuyler as Captains. Stephen Wheeler, Thomas Prastor, B.B.
Thompson[,], John W. Harvey, Howard Grimes & G.W. Gilges as First Lieutenants -- A.W.
Robb as First Lieutenant and Quartermaster and Abram Smith, Wm[.] C[.] Kern, Theodore C.
Weaver, Augustus Frohm and G.E. Palmer as Second Lieutenants in the 11th Regiment U.S.
Colored Troops.

Hd. Qrs. Rec. Com. Fort Smith

Mch. 9. 1864

Respectfully forwarded to Commanding Officer 11th U.S. Colored Troops[.]

By Command:

H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A.A.A.Genl.

When Rec'd

1864.

Aug. 2d

Name of Writer

Hd. Qrs 11th Kan. Vol. Cav.

Moonlight Thos. Col. Com'd'g.

Date and Purport of Letter

Mound City. Ks. July 13th. 64.

Gives a list of within named Enlisted men of his Reg't in the Dept. of Arkansas; requests that some steps be taken to have them returned to their companies.

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Farm Expenses and receipts for 1867.

Jany[.] 1867. January 1867.	Doll[ars] cent[s]	Doll[ars] cent[s]
To one horse	25.00	
To 2 mules	180.00	
To 79 Bushels of corn at 75 [cents]	59.25	
To 60 [Bushels of corn at] 85 [cents]	51.00	
To 917 Lbs[.] of Bacon at 20 [cents]	183.40	
To 10 Bushels of shell corn at \$1.00	10.00	
To 13 Bushels of shell corn at \$1.00	13.00	
To 18 Bushels of corn meal at 90 [cents]	16.20	
To 58 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	52.20	
To 51 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	45.90	
To 100 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	90.00	
To 8 Bushels of shell corn at 95 [cents]	7.60	
To 24 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	21.60	
To 17 1/2 Bushels of corn meal at 90 [cents]	15.85	
To 12 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	11.80	
To one plow and harness	10.00	
To 5 spades & shovels	10.00	
To one mule	50.00	
To 101 Bushels of corn at 90 [cents]	90.90	
To 3 axes	7.50	
To 880 Rails	11.00	
To hire of Labor Glover	5.00	
To 100 Bushels of corn at \$1.00	100.00	
To charring of Well	7.00	
To one box of Glass	8.00	
To one Lantern	1.25	
To Hire of Labor. [MS. illegible] Field	40.00	

To hire of Labor Reynolds [MS. illegible]	7.50
To hire of Labor	1.75
To 5 Bushels of corn meal	4.50
To 3 Bbls[.] of salt & sundries	66.19
To 4 Empty Bbls[.] at \$2.	8.00
To 5 Lbs[.] of Putty	1.00
	\$1212.39

Account continued

Jany[.] 1867	January	Doll[ars] c[ents]	Doll[ars] c[ents]
	amount brought forward	1212.39	
	To 3 Bushels of apples	1.00	
	To one Gallon of Whisky	5.00	
	To Mr[.] England	10.00	
	To one box of Figs	.90	
	To 4 Doz[.] of Eggs	1.00	
	To Sundries.	4.00	
	By sale of two collars		2.50
	By sale of 7 Lbs[.] of sugar		1.75
	To ferriage &etc	3.50	
	To shovel and Tongs	2.00	
	To 6 hogs	20.00	
	To 10 chickens	2.50	
	To [MS. illegible] & sundry articles	8.00	
9	To cash to Oliver	5.00	
9	To 4 Doz[.] of eggs	1.00	
	To License	4.00	
10	To one pair of gloves for Campbell	2.25	
	To 7 Lbs[.] of sausage	1.90	
	To Nettie	1.25.	
10	By cash		.20
12	To Flynn Blacksmith	8.00	
[12]	To John Harrison Butcher	.90	
[12]	To 2 1/2 cheese	1.00	
[12]	To 11 1/4 Bushel of corn meal	10.00	
[12]	By cash from Nettie.		1.50
[12]	To Thompson Wilson for wood	2.00	
[12]	To Sundries	1.25	
[12]	By 1 Bushel of Meal		1.25
[12]	By 21 3/4 of Bacon		5.45

13	To Wm[.] Campbell	5.00	
14	By sale of Wood		7.00
15	By sale of Wood		24.17
[15]	To 80 feet of lumber	3.20	
		1317.14	43.82

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Jany[.]

15	Amount brought forward	1317.14	43.82
[15]	To 1 Lbs[.] of Tea	1.50	
16	To Flynn Blacksmith	7.00	
[16]	To Lysle [Blacksmith]	2.00	
[16]	To 4 Doz[.] of eggs	1.00	
[16]	By 4 Lbs[.] of sugar		1.00
[16]	To 14 Bushels of apples at 55 [cents]	7.70	
[16]	To Sundries	.75	
[16]	To 2 Lbs[.] of rod Nails	.50	
17	To Blacksmith	2.00	
[17]	To Turkey	1.25	
[17]	To Domestic	4.80	
[17]	To Sundries.	5.25.	
[17]	To Blue Mass for Reynolds	.25	
[17]	To one Dry goods bag	1.50.	
20	To cash to Oliver	12.00	
[20]	To Turnips	.50.	
	By sale of coffee and Sugar		1.00
21	To 5 Bbls[.] of Pork at \$14.50	72.50	
[21]	To 7 [Bbls. of Pork at \$]15.25	106.75	
[21]	To 5 [Bbls of] Beans at 2.25	11.25	
[21]	To 2 [Bbls. of] Sugar	40.50	
[21]	To one bag of Desicated Vegtbls[.]	2.00	
23	To Ferriage	10.00	
[23]	By sale of Coffee and Sugar		3.50.
	By sale of Coffee 40 [cents] onions 11 [cents]		.50.
	To Wilson for Wood	1.15.	
	To expenses to Fort Smith	2.00.	
[23]	To 4 Lbs[.] of Nails	1.00	
	To Doctors Bill for Glover. [MS. illegible]	6.25	
	To Subscription	1.75	

	To Wm[.] Campbell	10.00	
	To Wm[.] Campbell 2 1/2 Lbs[.] coffee	1.00.	
24	To Wm[.] Miller for catching hogs	2.50	
		1633.79	49.82.

Account continued

	Jany[.] Amount brought forward	1633.79	49.82
25	To cash for D. Glover	1.75	
[25]	By sale of 1 B. of Meal		1.25
[25]	By sale of apples and Beans		.75.
27	By sale of Whisky & apples		.75
[27]	To 48 yds.	4.50	
28	By sale of Domestic		7.20.
[28]	To cash to Lewis	1.00	
[28]	To cash for 2 1/2 B. Meal	2.40	
[28]	To Mr[.] Fellmer for Whisky	3.75.	
[28]	To Freight on goods	2.50.	
[28]	To one box Tobacco	24.60.	
[28]	To one Bag of Coffee	55.93	
[28]	To one [Roll?] of Domestic	14.85.	
[28]	By sale of 10 yds of Domestic		5.00.
[28]	To Domestic for wife	5.00.	
30	By sale of one B. Meal		1.25.
31	To Ferriage	1.00	
[31]	To Whisky.	9.00	
[31]	To Wine	1.75.	
[31]	To one bottle of ink	.15.	
Feby[.] 2	To one pint Measure	.30	
[2]	By sale of Bacon		.50.
[2]	To one pair of Scissors	1.00	
3	To Henry Scott for hire	14.00.	
[3]	To Crawford on settlement	3.14	
[3]	By sale of Coffee & Pork		2.84
[3]	By sale of scissors		1.00
[3]	By sale of Thread & needles		.65
[3]	By sale of Domestic		5.00
[3]	To Martha Brown for [oranges?]	5.00	
4	By sale of [Wool?]		.50
4	To Daniel Glover	.50	
5	To Bread	.25	

	\$1786.16	77.01
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Febby[.] 5	Amount brought forward	1786.16	77.01
[5]	To one box of soda 60 Lbs[.]	11.50.	
6	To 1/2 doz. of Glasses	1.25	
[6]	To 2 1/2 Lbs[.] of cheese	1.00	
[6]	To 1/2 doz[.] of Sardines	2.25	
[6]	To 3 papers of pepper	.50.	
[6]	To Lance	1.00	
[6]	To one Turkey	1.35	
[6]	To 1 Lb[.] of Butter	.40.	
[6]	To Lumber	6.88	
[6]	To Drinks	1.75	
7	To Fees for contract	1.10	
[7]	To making of 8 Brooms	2.00	
8	By sale of Tobacco		1.00
9	By sale of sugar		1.75
9	By sale of 12 yds[.] of Domestic		6.00
[9]	By sale of Thread		.20.
11	To Whisky	10.00	
[11]	To hook & staple	.25	
12	To Elias Neil for labor	15.00	
[12]	To one ash bucket	1.00	
[12]	To 6 Lbs[.] of Nails	1.00	
[12]	To Blacksmith to fix bolt	.15	
[12]	To 6 [plow?] points	3.00	
12	By sale of Tobacco & Beans		1.00
14	To Wood screws 2 doz.	.30.	
[14]	By sale of Whisky		1.50.
15	By sale of Tobacco		1.00
[15]	By sale of Spiritus Fermentis		.50.
[15]	To 3 plough Moulds	3.90	
[15]	To 5 Lbs[.] of Sugar	1.50.	
[15]	To Butter	.55	
[15]	By sale of Wash Board & soda		1.00.
[15]	By sale of Whisky & Tobacco		.70.
	\$1854.29		91.66.

Accounts continued.

Febby[.] 16. Amount brought forward	1854.29	91.66.
[16] By sale of Whisky		.50
18 [By sale of Whisky]		.25
19 To Henry Scott cash	3.50	
[19] To cash Lane Bowman	.50	
To shoemaker	.20.	
20 To Nails	1.00	
[20] To Oliver Smith. order on McKee	40.00	
21 To 3 Bottles of Mustang Liniment	1.00	
22 To cash to Levy Smith	10.50	
[22] By cash for Tobacco & apples		.60.
[22] To 68 1/2 yds[.] of [Cotton Plaid?]	23.97	
23 To Mr[.] Lisle Blacksmith [MS. illegible]	17.00	
[23] To [Mr.] Flynn [Blacksmith]	8.00	
[23] To Whisky	12.00	
[23] To Wood Screw	1.25	
[23] To Mr[.] Austin for Reynolds	10.65.	
[23] To 5/4 Augur. Mr[.] Austin	1.50	
[23] To Bread	.25	
[23] To cash to Mr[.] Reynolds	3.00	
[23] By cash for Whisky		.50
[23] By cash for Boards		2.00
[23] By sale for sugar		2.00
[23] To Blacksmith for [MS. illegible]	1.00	
[23] To coal oil for Martha	1.25	
[23] To sundries	2.00	
26 To paddock	.75	
[26] To sundries	7.50.	
28 To Mr[.] Wood on old acct[.]	50.00	
[28] To Mr[.] Powell as per Bill	72.80	
March 1 To Ed Scott & family	16.40.	
[1] To Ferriage	2.00	
[1] To sundries	6.00.	
[1] To Fellmer for Lewis	5.00	
	\$2153.31	97.51

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March 1st 67. Amount brought forward	2153.31	97.51
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1	To 1/2 doz. of Port wines	12.00.	
	To 1/2 [doz.] of oysters	2.25	
	To 1/2 [doz.] of Sardines	2.28	
	To 1 Doz. of Lemons	1.00	
	To one File	1.00	
	To cash for Hat & coffee pot for George	3.80	
2	To 7 B. of Corn	6.30	
	To E[.]C[.] Powell on acct[.] with \$72	10.00	
	To Lamp shade	.50	
	To Butter	.80	
	To 4 B. of Bitters	5.00	
	To 2 Hats for Henry & Ed	2.50.	
	To 2 Gall[.] of Molasses	2.50	
	To cash for Bread	.25	
	To Molasses pitcher	1.25	
	To one box of pills for Mrs[.] Lewis	.25	
	To one stone Jug	.40	
	To sundries	1.50.	
6	To Garden seed	4.00	
[6]	To 3 points No[.] 12	2.85	
[6]	To cash for Lewis	7.50.	
[6]	To 10 yds[.] of Domestic	3.00	
[6]	To 2 pairs of hoes	5.50	
[6]	To 52 yds[.] of Calico	13.00	
[6]	To one pan & sieve	2.00	
[6]	To candles	.80.	
[6]	To Thread	.95	
[6]	By sale of Harness		40.00
[6]	To 2 Bushel of Potatoes	3.00	
[6]	To 4 Doz[.] of eggs	.60	
	By sale of sugar		.60
[6]	By sale of Tobacco & Beans		.50
[6]	By cash from Mr[.] Dunam		3.50
		\$2250.09	142.11

Accounts continued

March 6	Amount brought forward	2250.09	142.11
7	To 2 Hoes and rake	3.50	
	To 1/2 doz. spools of Thread	.75	
	To Lamp chimney	.50	

	To 10 yds[.] of Domestic	2.50	
	To 36 yds[.] of Calico	9.25	
	To 1 set of plates	1.50	
	To 2 sets of cups and saucers	150.75.	2.25
	To one Faucet	2.00	
	To 3 yds[.] of Gingham	1.05	
	To 2 pairs of shoes	7.00.	
	By sales of groceries &etc	17.50.	
8	To one pair of shoes. Mollie	2.50	
9	By sale of one Broom		.40
[9]	By sale of Whiskey		.60
[9]	To Nails	.60	
[9]	To Blacking	.10	
10	By sale of Whiskey		.60
[10]	To cash to Borman	4.35	
11	To Vinegar	.15	
12	By sale of Thread. Belle.		.15
13	By sale of Tobacco		.35
[13]	To one Funnel	.25	
16	To shoeing Horses	1.00	
[16]	To ammunition. George B.	.75	
18	To cheese	8.00	
[18]	To 1 Doz[.] of oysters	4.20	
[18]	To 1 Doz[.] of Sardines	4.20	
[18]	To 1 Doz[.] of Threads. spools	1.00	
[18]	To 3 Gall[.] of Molasses	2.40	
[18]	To 3 Bolts	.30	
[18]	To Medicines for Hall, ointment &etc	1.75	
[18]	To 3 plows	21.00	
[18]	To one Bbl[.] of Whisky	106.73.	
		\$2439.77	161.71

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March 18	Amount brought forward	2439.77	161.71
	Expenses to Little Rock and back	125.00.	
19	To 43 Lbs[.] of Castings	5.35	
[19]	To 18 [Lbs.] of Nails	2.70	
[19]	To 3 boxes of Matches	.50	
20	To 20 B. of Corn	20.00	

[20]	To 1 Gall[.] of [MS. illegible] oil	3.00	
[20]	To 1 Doz[.] of Ale	4.50	
[20]	To one Bottle of champagne	2.00	
[20]	To 10 Gall[.] of Whiskey	33.50.	
[20]	To 3 cigars	.75	
21	To 2 B of sweet potatos	5.00	
[21]	To 1 [B of] Irish [potatoes]	2.00	
[21]	To repairing of plows & etc	.50	
[21]	To one Lbs[.] of crackers	.25.	
22	To 2 Bbl of potatoes	14.00	
[22]	To Tailor for repairing coat	2.00	
[22]	To Bacon for Lewis	1.00	
[22]	To cash for cotton [MS. illegible]	1.00	
[22]	To Sugar and Tea	1.85	
[22]	To Ink	.15	
[22]	To Key for [Faucet?]	1.00	
23	To cash for Tin ware	2.25	
[23]	To 4 Hoes at 1 1/2 each & Two [MS. illegible]	16.00	
[23]	To onions, Potatoes & Sausages	3.50	
[23]	To wine	2.50	
[23]	Freight [and?] goods from Fort Smith	1.50	
[23]	To oranges	2.75	
[23]	To Beef and Butter	2.75	
25	To Venison Ham	3.00	
[25]	To 1 Lb[.] of Tea	1.50	
26	To Fish line and hooks	1.20	
[26]	To cash for George. [rep's gun?]	1.00	
[26]	To onion sets	1.00	
		\$2703.77	161.71

Account continued

March 26	Amount brought forward	2703.77	161.71
	To H.E.McKee, as per bill of March 20.	188.27	
[26]	To 1 lb[.] of Twine	.45	
[26]	To Spice and Garden Seed	2.70	
[26]	To one gal of onion sets	1.50.	
[26]	To curry combs	2.20	
[26]	To 2 water Buckets, - one Tub	1.50	
[26]	To 2 1/2 Lbs[.] of cord	.85	
[26]	To Rat poison	.50.	

[26]	To Bread and sausage	.75	
[26]	To expenses to Fort Smith	1.50.	
[26]	To Mustard	.50.	
April 6	To Blacksmithing	.75	
7	By sales of Tobacco		1.00
[7]	To one set of cups and saucers	.75	
	To one set of Plates	1.20	
[7]	To one gal. of Vinegar	1.00	
	To one Tin [Dippers?]	.50	
	To 1 Keg of powder	15[.00]	
	To 1 Bag of shot McKee	5.00	
[7]	To caps	10.00	
	To Lemons	.75.	
[7]	To repairing of saddle	2.00.	
[7]	To Breast pin for wife	.25	
9	To 25 B. of Meal	25.00	
[9]	To Lamp chimney	.50.	
11	To Blacksmith	1.00	
[11]	To Nails & Calico	1.25	
15	By sale of Tobacco		.10
16	By sale of sugar		2.00
[16]	To 1 1/2 lbs of butter	.50	
[16]	To 3 Lbs. of Rope	1.20	
23	To Butter	.50	
[23]	To Lemons and Tin Bucket	1.40.	
		2975.09	164.81.

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April 24	Amount brought forward	Dollars c[ents]	\$ c[ents]
[24]	To Indigo and Thread	1.20.	
[24]	To repairing of plough	.40.	
[24]	To Butter	.50.	
May 3	By sale of Flour		.25
	To Butter	.80	
[3]	To garden seeds	1.00	
[3]	To Blacksmith	6.37	
[3]	To Hungarian grass seed	1.50	
[3]	To Buttons	.25	
[3]	To 44 yds[.] and 42 yds[.] (86) Calico	18.52	

[3]	To 1/2 doz[.] of Men shoes	15[.00]	
[3]	To 1 doz[.] of Thread	1.50	
[3]	To Hat	6.00	
[3]	To Ferriage &c	1.00	
[3]	To Liniment	.50	
[3]	To oil	.75	
[3]	To Castor oil	.65	
[3]	To Rope	1.20	
[3]	To Ink	.15	
5	By sales of whisky		.60
[5]	To cash for Levy	1.00	
[5]	To cash for Lewis	.25	
10	To comb	.50	
[10]	To Lewis	1.25	
[10]	To Barber	.75.	
[10]	To Corn	61.85	
	To vinegar	3.00	
	To Corn Meal	10.00	
	To watering pot	1.25	
[10]	To scraper	9.00	
[10]	To 10 Lbs[.] of [MS. illegible]	2.00	
	To Bottle and Jar	1.30	
[10]	To Blacksmith	1.00	
		3133.53	165.66

Account continued

May 11	Amount brought forward	3133.53	165.66
11	To garden seed	2.90	
12	To chickens and Bread	1.00	
13	To Ferriage	1.00	
	To comb	.50	
	To Butter	.40.	
14	To one pound of cheese	.50	
16	To fright on cask of Bacon	2.40	
17	To J. Woods Law case	18.30	
[17]	[MS. illegible]	.50	
18	To 3 1/2 Lbs[.] of Rope	1.20.	
[18]	To 3 Bbls[.] of Potatoes	18.00	
	To Gunny sacks	1.25.	
19	To olive oil	1.50.	

	To Butter	1.00	
	By sale of Coffee and Sugar		3.00
27	To drinks	1.50	
29	To Tin Jars	.80	
[29]	To seed and Lemons	1.25	
[29]	To Extracts	1.00	
[29]	To Turpentine and pepper sauce	1.00	
[29]	To Mustard	.75	
[29]	To crackers	.25	
[29]	To Port wine	1.50	
June 1	To cash for Frank	.50.	
3	To Butter	.50.	
	To Butter	.50.	
7	To Butter	1.00	
[7]	To [MS. illegible]	2.50	
[7]	To Extracts	.50	
[7]	To Flour	23.00	
15	To Butter	2.00	
[15]	To Tin Pail and Bucket	2.50.	
[15]	To [MS. illegible]	.25	
		3225.18	168.66

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June 15	Amount brought forward	3225.18	168.66
[15]	To peas	.35	
[15]	To hire of labor Roberts & Reed	14.00	
[15]	To cash [MS. illegible]	1.00	
16	To chloroform	.50.	
[16]	To Ferriage	.50.	
[16]	To Expenditures to Fort Smith	2.50	
19	To hire of Labor Roberts & Reed	3.00	
[19]	To Ed Scott	1.00	
[19]	To [MS. illegible]	1.00	
20	To Butter	1.00	
22	To hire of labor on Gin house	2.00	
[22]	To Borax	.25	
[22]	To cash to George	1.00	
25	To cash [to George]	5.00	
[25]	To repairing of shoes	.75	

28	To Barber	.75	
[28]	To cash for Levi	1.00	
29	To hire of labor on Gin house	9.00	
[29]	To drinks	1.75	
[29]	To Tobacco	33.15	
July 2	To Butter	2.00	
[2]	To Potato chips	.50	
[July 2]	To Pepper	.50	
[July 2]	To freight on Tobacco	1.75	
[July 2]	To bolt	.15	
[July 2]	To repair of [gloves?]	2.60.	
[July] 5	To Butter	1.00	
[July] 7	To Tobacco	8.40	
[July 7]	To Nutmeg [grater?]	.25	
8	To apples	.40	
	To Mosquito bar	2.00	
	To Freight on Bill from McK[.]	1.50	
	To Sundries	1.10	
		\$3330.83	168.66

Account continued

July 9	Account brought forward	3330.83	168.66
10	To hire of labor on Gin house	5.00	
11	To hire of labor [on Gin house]	15.00	
11	To hire of labor [on Gin house]	3.00	
14	To Calomel	1.00	
[14]	To Sundries	1.50.	
18	To Sundries	2.90.	
[18]	To cash for Jim Johnson	1.00.	
20	To hire of labor	23.50	
[20]	To cash to Henry Joy	1.00	
24	To Babs for work Gin house	5.25	
24	To one Umbrella	1.75	
[24]	In cash for Mr[.] Powell	7.00	
[24]	To castor oil	1.00	
25	To Prescot for hire	2.75	
26	To hire of labor	7.00	
[26]	To Lamp chimneys	.50.	
29	To Mr[.] Calvert for hire	5.00	
30	To Butter	2.00	

[30]	To hire of labor	1.00	
[30]	To hire of labor to Negro	2.50.	
Aug[.] 1st	To hire of labor of Johnson family	75.00	
	To hire of labor	5.00	
[Aug. 1st]	By sale of whiskey		.20
[1]	To charring of well	5.00	
[1]	To sundries	1.00	
[1]	To hire of labor to negroes	3.75	
3	To hire of labor to Bernard	5.60	
3	To hire of labor	11.50.	
[3]	To Col[.] Wallace for Vinegar	3.00	
[3]	To cash for Henry Joy	1.00	
4	To hire of labor	2.00	
[4]	To Calvert for labor	4.00	
[4]	By sale of oxen		30.00
		3537.33	198.86

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Farm Expenses and receipts for [18]67

Aug[.] 4	Amount brought forward	3537.33	198.86
[4]	To hire of labor	2.50	
[4]	To cash for Oak	1.60	
5	To hire of labor	3.00	
[5]	To hire of labor	1.50	
7	To hire of labor	20.65	
11	To hire of labor Henry Joy	24.65	
[11]	To hire of labor Levi	33.11	
[11]	To hire of labor Bates	14.65	
17	To Subscription for [MS. illegible]	1.00	
[17]	To Wine	1.00.	
24	To chickens	.50	
[24]	To wagon grease	2.00	
[24]	To Bread	.50	
[24]	To Rice	.25	
[24]	To Butter	.25	
Sept. 11	To Sponge	1.50	
[Sept. 11]	To Barber	.50	
[Sept.] 12	To Buttons	.25	
[Sept.] 13	To Butter	1.00	
	To Mr[.] Loveless for work	30.87	

	To cash for Timbers	15.20.	
14	To Lockhart	5.00	
[14]	To Gelespie	5.00	
[14]	To Fee. Lodge	10.00	
[14]	To Bread	.50	
16	To repair of wagon	7.35.	
[16]	To cash to Taylor, Negro	1.00	
18	To Butter	.75	
20	To Bread	.25	
	To cash to Thompson, Timbers	6.00	
	To cash for Cotton picking	5.10	
21	To cash to Lockhard	15.00	
24	To Expenses going to Ft[.] Smith	4.50.	
		3754.26	198.86

Account continued

Sept[.] 24

	Amount brought forward	3754.26	198.86
26	To Butter	1.00	
[26]	To Bread	.25	
28	To Coffee Pot	2.00	
[28]	To cotton picking. Jones	3.00	
[28]	To [cotton picking.] Smith	2.25	
29	To cash -- Levi	.25	
[29]	To cash -- Henry	1.00	
[29]	To cash to Neal	1.18	
[29]	To gunny sacks	3.00.	
	To galcatcher for services	2.00.	
	To Dentist	9.00	
	To Tonic	1.25	
	To Bread	.25	
4	To cash for Lockhart	10.00	
5	To cotton Pickers	64.65	
[5]	To Bernard	7.50	
[5]	To Levi	2.00	
[5]	To Cotton pickers	3.50.	
11	To Jesse L[.] Morton	7.50	
[11]	To Mr[.] Bab	5.50.	
11	To Tonic.	1.25	
14	To cotton pickers from 7th to 14 inst	175.31.	

19	To Lockhart and Gilesby	10.25.	
[19]	To cash to George Burke	2.00	
[19]	To cash to cotton pickers	6.00	
[19]	To Lodge Fee	5.00	
20	To. John Meigs for cotton picking	9.50.	
[20]	To Pennington for picking	2.00.	
21	To Cotton pickers	10.21	
[21]	To cash to Mr[.] Fleming \$5. 1.40	6.40.	
22	To Mr[.] Bab for Labor	11.10.	
[22]	To Butter	1.00	
24	To Mr[.] Fleming, Bowman and Fields	9.00	
		\$4130.36	198.86

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Farm Expenses and receipts for 1867.

Oct[.] 24	Amount brought forward	4130.36	198.86
25	To cotton pickers	8.10	
26	To Butter \$1.00 Bread 75 c[ents]	1.75	
27	To [MS. illegible] for cotton picking	4.25.	
30	To cash to Mr[.] Fleming	10.00	
[30]	To Bread	.25	
31.	To Mose Allen Cotton picker	5.85	
[31]	To cotton pickers	2.90	
[31]	To Dr[.] White for medicine	4.00	
Nov 1st	To [MS. illegible] for cotton picking	1.75	
[1]	To Lane Healey [for cotton picking]	3.25	
[1]	To George Burke	1.00.	
[1]	To Butter	1.00	
2	To Blevius for cotton	4.50.	
[2]	To Hosmer	15.00	
[2]	To Baker and Bro.	6.00	
[2]	To Heath [and Bro.]	2.45	
[2]	To cash to cotton pickers	29.80	
4	To Mr. Cook for cotton picking	9.60	
4	To John Meigs [for cotton picking]	6.32	
9	To Cotton pickers. Healey & Meigs	20.00	
[9]	To hired labor. Burke '9. Heath 1. Blevin 5.	25.00	
10	To Mr. Woods cotton pickers	13.30	
10	To Mr[.] Leech for labor	13.30	
10	To cotton pickers Cushenberry a.	5.10	

12	To Boots	4.00	
[12]	To cotton pickers	1.80	
[12]	To Soap, pills & etc	1.50	
[12]	To Expenses to Fort Smith	1.50	
12	To Butter	1.00	
14	To postage, apples & Drink	2.25	
15	To G[.] Austin for Pork	36.00	
[15]	To Geo[.] Austin for Nails	11.25.	
[15]	To Ferriage	2.50.	
		\$4386.63	198.86

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Nov[.] 15.	Amount brought forward	4386.63	198.86.
16	To Initiation Fee	10.00	
16	To Mr[.] Rippling for Nettie shoes	4.00	
[16]	To Mr[.] Oliver for work	8.00	
16 and 17th.	To Cotton pickers	77.94	
18	To cash for labor. Ray 1.50 Heath 2.00	3.50.	
[18]	To Blacksmith	.15	
21	To Cotton pickers	15.90.	
[21]	To Mr[.] Fleming	10.00	
[21]	To Lane Bowman	3.60	
23	To Mr[.] Fleming	2.50	
[23]	To cotton pickers	4.50.	
23	To Heath for labor	7.75.	
[23]	To Soap	1.50	
[23]	To labor	.25.	
[23]	To Mr[.] Wood	7.05	
[23]	To Bread	.25	
25	To Braid for coat	.30	
30	To Mr[.] Roberts.	2.95	
Dec[.] 1	To Expenses to Fort Smith	5.00	
2	To Heath for Labor	4.10	
2	To J. Fellmer as p[e]r Bill	10.10.	
4	To Fanny for C. Powell	7.75	
[4]	To D[.]C[.] Williams	19.68.	
[4]	To Blacksmith	.75.	
[4]	To John [MS. illegible] for Rent	1235.00	
6	To Cotton pickers [Tristan?] and Taylor	8.90.	
10	To cotton pickers	19.20	

[10]	To Mr[.] Powell as per Bill	174.96	
[10]	To Mr[.] Harrison for Beef	100.73.	
10	By sale of [MS. illegible]		262.25.
14	To John Austin as per Bill	45.65.	
17	To Domestic for Nellie	2.25	
[17]	To Geo[.] Austin for Naylor	30.00	
		6210.84	461.11

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Farm Expenses and receipts for 1867.

Dec[.]	Amount brought forward	6210.84	461.11
	Ferriage	16.90	
	Barber 50 [cents] Lodge Fee \$1.00 Board 25 [cents]	1.75	
	By sale of corn to John Austin		55.65
	By sale of corn Austin for Naylor		32.60
	By sale of corn to Harrison		38.90.
	By sale of Tobacco		50.00.
Dec[.] 20	To Jno [John] Harrison	38.17 1/2	
	To Stephen McDonald for hire	2.00	
	To chocolate	1.00	
	To Ferriage	3.00	
	To Dress for Ma	3.00	
	To Geo[.] Austin for shoes. Hosmer	2.00	
	To Hayman for Flour Lane and Hosmer	4.00	
	To Whisky for Lane Bowman	2.00	
	By sale of Harness		24.00
	By sale of Pony		75.00
	By sale of lumber		19.30.
	By sale of Pork		11.40.
	By sale of Salt		7.00.
	To John Austin	4.53	

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Jno. [John] Q. [West?] in accounts with F.W.S.

	Doll[ars] c[ents]	Doll[ars] c[ents]
Jany[.] 8. To one Scraper	8.00	
[8] Two one horse Plows	10.00	
To two Iron [wedges?]	1.00	

To one single Tree	.50	
To Back boards	.25.	
To two hoes	.75	
To one hammer	.75	
To one shovel	1.25	
To one [MS. illegible] stock	.75	
To Leathers for chains	.50	
To one [MS. illegible]	.25	
[To] Five Pr [MS. illegible]		
[To] Six Single Trees		
[To] Thre[e] Pr Trace Chains		
[To] Six Plows		
[To] Four Curry Combs		
[To] Two Peices of Stretcher Chains		
[To] one [piece of] Log Chain		
[To] one Hand saw		
[To] Three Iron Bolts		
[To] one [cross?] Cut saw		
[To] one Log Chain		
[To] one Blind Bridle		
Jan[.] 30 [To] Three Plows		
[MS. illegible] By Cash		15.00
April 2nd. To one Plow		
Flour, Coffee, and Calico	8.00	
Cups & saucers	1.00.	
Wagon Cover, Tent & poles		
One Lot of Iron, single Fur & etc.		
One Blouse	.75	
One Lot of old Clothes		
April 19 To coffee	1.00	
Jno. [John] A. Stevenson in acct[.] with F.W[.]S.		
	Doll[ars] c[ents]	Doll[ars] c[ents]
Jany. 8. To one Scraper	8.00	
To one horse plow	4.50	
To shovel & monkey wrench	2.00	
To one hoe	.25	
To one shovel plow	1.00	

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As p[e]r Rece[i]pt

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Head Quarters Recruiting Com.

Fort Smith Ark. Jan. 27. 63

Sir:

In compliance with Par. 149 Rev. Regulations, United States Army, I have the honor to report that 1st Lieut[.] Asa W. Farr[.] Quartermaster 3rd Wis. Vol. Cav. & Judge Advocate of the District of the Frontier was killed in a skirmish at Baxters Springs in the Indian Country on the 6th of October 1863.

Lieut[.] Farr was accompanying the General commanding the District of the Frontier in the removal of Head Quarters of the District from Fort Scott Kans. to Fort Smith Ark. and all his personal effects were captured & destroyed as well as all the records & papers of his office, in this attack[.]

I remain Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt. 11th Kans. Vols.

Aide-De-Camp to

Major General Blunt

Adjutant General

U.S. Army

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission

Fort Smith Ark. Jan. 27, 1864.

Sir:

In the absence of Major Gen. Blunt by his instruction I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of communication from your office dated January 11th in relation to the death of Major Henry Z. Curtis[.] Asst. Adj[.] Genl[.] of Vols. and to enclose General orders No[.] 15 of the District of the Frontier dated Fort Scott Kans. Oct. 10th 1863 announcing the death of Major Curtis, which order should have been transmitted to your office when issued[.]

I remain Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A.Genl.

Adjutant Genl[.]

U[.]S[.] Army

Head Quarters Recruiting Com.
Fort Smith Ark. Jan. 27. '64

Sir:

I have the honor to request that copies of General Orders No[.] 48 and all subsequent, if any, to 400 series of 1863 from the War Department be furnished this office to complete file of orders for 1863[.]

Very Respectfull[y]

Your Obt. Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A.G.

Adjutant Genl[.]

U.S. Army

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Fort Smith Ark[.] Jan. 29, 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Muster Roll of the 1st Brigade Band, 1st Division Army of the Frontier for October 31, 1863[.]

I am[,] Sir[,]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] 10th Kans[.] Vols.

Aide De Camp

To the Adjutant General U.S.A.

Washington D.C.

Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Jan. 22 1864.

Major:

I am instructed by Major Gen'l Blunt Recruiting Commissioner for the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops to request you to muster Wm[.] H.T. Wakefield as 2nd Lieutenant 11th

Regt. U.S. Colored Troops to rank as such from 9th December 1863 in accordance with his appointment as such from the President of the United States.

Should you decline to muster him in accordance with said appointment, I am directed to request that you submit your reasons for declining so to do in writing, that the same may be submitted to the War Department[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A. Genl[.]

Major T.J. Weed

Asst. Comg. of Musters

District of the Frontier

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Head Quarters Rec't'g Commission

Fort Smith Ark. Jany[.] 30. 1864.

Capt. C.W. Foster A.A.G.

Chief of Colored Bureau

Washington D.C.

Sir:

By direction of Major Gen'l Blunt, I have the honor to report, that Company "D" 11th U.S. Colored Troops was duly mustered into the service of the U.S. in conformity with Gen'l Orders 110 War Department, series 1863, on the 29th inst[.], Enlistment papers will be mailed promptly and muster Rolls of same forwarded through the proper channels[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A. Genl.

Fort Smith Ark.

Jan. 30. 1864

Major Gen'l Blunt

Washington D.C.

Company D mustered full yesterday, official notice of same mailed War Department to-day[.]

Yours,
H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A.A.A.G.

Hd. Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Jan. 30. 1864

Sir:

By direction of Major Gen'l Blunt[.] Recruiting Commissioner for the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops, I have the honor to Enquire if an order for the discharge of Private John Hayes[.] Co. H. 5th Kans[.] Vols. has been received from the War Department at your Head Qrs. Office.

On the 23rd Nov. 1863 Maj. Genl[.] Blunt applied to the War Department for the appointment of Private Hayes then and now on duty as Recruiting Officer for the 11th Regt[.] U.S. Colored Troops, as 2nd Lieut. in said Regiment. On the 16th inst[.] his appointment as such from the President of the U.S. was received but no order for his discharge, deeming it provable that such order has been forwarded to his Regiment through your office I respectfully ask that an official copy of such order if received be forwarded to this office, that Private Hayes may be discharged and mustered on his appointment.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A.A.A. Gen'l

To the
Assistant Adjutant General
Dept. of the Arkansa[s]
Little Rock
Ark.

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Hd. Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Feb. 1. 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to report myself for the month of January 1864 as performing the duties of Act'g Asst[.] Adj't[.] Gen'l of the Recruiting Commiss[ion] for the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops by order of Major Gen[.] Blunt[.] Recruiting Commissioner.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H.G. Loring
Capt[.] 10th Kans[.] Vols. A.D.C.
& Act'g[.] Asst. Adj. Gen'l

Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Feb. 26, '64
Adjutant General U.S.A
Washington D.C.

Sir:

On the 15th of January last Private John Hays, Jr[.], Co[.] H: 5th Kansas Volunteers received an appointment as Second Lieut. in the Eleventh Regiment U.S. Colored Troops dated December 10, 1863. And as there has been no order received for his discharge he cannot be mustered, I would respectfully request that an official copy of the order for his discharge be forwarded to these Head Quarters[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jas[.] G. Blunt
Major General
By Command: H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A[.]A[.]A[.] Gen'l

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Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Jany[.] 31, 1864

General,

Company D 11th U.S. Colored Troops was mustered full on the 29th inst. and 25 men of Co. E. Official notice of the same was mailed to the Colored Bureau on the 30th[.]

Lieut. H.H. Johnson and Sergeant Hunter have labored hard to obtain these recruits and deserve to be nominated to the positions in the Company, you have their names on your list for Captain and 1st Lieut. and I would suggest Private Wallace H. Johnson for 2d Lieut. his name is also on your list[.]

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A.A.A.G.

Major Gen. Blunt
Washington D.C.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] March 1, 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to report myself for February as performing the duties Act'g Asst[.] Adjt.
General of the Recruiting Commission for the 11th Regt. U.S. Colored Troops at this Post[.]

Very Respectfully

Your Obt[.] Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] 10th Kans[.] Vols.

A.D.C. & A.A.A.Gen.

Hd. Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] March. 1. 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Muster Roll of the Detachment of the 3rd Regt.
Wis. Cavalry Volunteers on duty at these Head Quarters[.]

Very Respectfully[,]

Your Obt. Servant

H.G. Loring

Capt[.] & A[.]A[.]A[.] Genl[.]

Adjutant General USA

Washington D.C.

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Head Qrs. Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] March. 1. 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith corrected Muster Rolls of the Detachment of
Enlisted men on duty at these Head Quarters.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
H.G. Loring
Capt. & A.A.A. Gen.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark. Mch. 1. 1864
Adjutant General U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the following Officers as serving on my staff, to-wit Capt. H.G.
Loring 10th Kans. Vols. Aid De Camp & Actg. Asst[.] Adj[.] General, 1st Lieut[.] Cyrus L.
Gorton Regimental Qr. Mr. 2nd Kans. Cavalry Vols[.], Aid De Camp, 2nd Lieut[.] John E.
Tappan 2nd Colorado Vols[.] Aid De Camp.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Jas[.] G. Blunt
Major General
By Command: H.G. Loring
Capt[.] & A.A.A.Gen.

Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Fort Smith Ark[.] Apr[.] 1 / 64

Sir,

I have the honor to report myself as performing the duties of Aide De Camp to Maj.
Genl[.] Jas[.] G. Blunt and Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Recruiting Commission for
the 11th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops at this Post by order of Maj[.] Genl[.] Blunt, copies of
which orders are herein Enclosed[.]

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt[.] Servt[.]
H.G. Loring
Capt. Co[.] "K." 10th Kan[.] Vol[.] Infy[.]

A.D.C. & A[.]A[.]A[.] Genl[.]

Head Quarters Recruiting Commissr.
Fort Smith Arkansas
April 17th 1864

Major C.W. Foster
A.A. Gen'l.
Washington D.C.

Sir[.]

Being relieved from Command in this Department I have turned over the recruiting of the 11th U.S. Colored Troops to Lt. Col. Fred W. Schaurte whom I had appointed Superintendent in charge of the recruiting of said Regiment April 1st as per Enclosed Order[.] An application for Lt[.] Col. Schaurte is on file in your office for appointment as Col. of the 11th U.S. Colored Troops where its organization is completed. He is worthy of the appointment and I trust it will be made without delay as soon as you are officially notified that the Regiment is full and Mustered[.]

Respectfully, Your Obt[.] Servant
Jas. G. Blunt.
Major Gen'l & Recruiting Commissioner

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Head Quarters Recruiting Commission
Little Rock. Ark. Aug. 3d 1864.
Lieut[.] Col. W.D. Greene. A.A.G.
Hd. Qrs. Dept. of Arkansas.

Sir:

The letter from Hd[.] Qrs. 11th Kan. Vol. Cav. with your endorsement requesting report and recommendation is hereby respectfully returned with [reports?].

Sergt[.]s Repperts[.] Waterhouse[.] Turner[.] and Myers[.] Corpl[.] Bradshaw, and Prvt[.]s Dodge and Schuyler[.] all of the 11th Kansas Cavy.[.] reported to me per Special Orders. No. 18[.] Dated: Hd[.] Qrs[.] 11th U.S. Col[ore]d Troops. Fort Smith, Ark. April 3rd 1864, with the understanding that they should have positions as Commissioned officers in the 11 U.S. Cold. [Colored] Infy. as soon as, men could be enlisted to warrant their muster into service. Eighteen appointments for company officers have already been received at Hd[.] Qrs[.] 11th U.S.C.T. and have been accompanied by discharges in all cases, of enlisted men. Private Howard Schuyler is

one of the eighteen who have received appointments dated War Department, Adjutant General's Office Washington D.C. Feb'y 12. 1864: and if my recollection does not deceive me (most of the records being at Fort Smith) his discharge is per Special Orders, No[.] 90. Dated: War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington D.C. Feb'y. 24, 1864.

Private Jonas G. Dodge conducted himself very much to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, for which reason I had him ordered back to his company per Special Orders No. 13, dated: Hd[.] Qrs[.] U.S. Troops (Colored) Little Rock, Ark. June 29, 1864, which order was approved on the same day at Dept. Hd[.] Quarters[.]

Non commissioned officers Reppert, Turner, Myers, and Bradshaw, will I doubt not receive their appointments and discharges at no distant day.

As the prospect of filling the 11 U.S. Col[ore]d had become a little matter of time, I requested Cols. Williams and Crawford of the 1st and 2d Kansas. Col'd. Regts. respectively, to provide for as many as they could -- there being a number of vacancies in their regiments -- and application went on to the Secretary of War some weeks ago requesting commissions and discharges for four of my party.

Private [Harriet?] P. Benton is a man not known to me nor had he been attached to the 11 U.S.C.T. as far as I know.

I would respectfully request that the men be retained at their present duties (Recruiting for the 11 U.S.C.T.) as they are zealous and efficient U. C. officers who are worthy to hold commission in the Service of the United States.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

Fred W. Schaurte

Lieut. Col. 2d Regt. J[.]B. and

Superintendent [Recruiting] for 11th U.S.C.T.

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Lewis Graff in account with Fred W. Schaurte 1867.

Doll[ars] c[ents]

Doll[ars] c[ents]

To Irish Potatoes	6.00
To Sweet Potatoes	7.00
To Coal Oil	
To one horse plows	
To Bull tongue plows	
To shovel plows	
To 2 horse plows	
To single Trees	
To curry combs	
To stretcher chain	

	To corn. 150, 60, 40. (300)	
	To Wood	6.00
	To Tobacco cutter	
	To Water Kegs (3)	
	To Hoes, cotton	
	To 2 Hoes, and garden rake	
	To Three cotton scrapers.	
	To spades and shovels. (5)	
	To sulphur, Sardines[,] Cartridges & etc.	
	To box books.	
	To Iron wedges (4)	
	To Box of Tin ware & Etc.	
	To Bbls[,] of Harness & Bridle	
	To Heifer	12.00
	To Tools, augurs[,] Drawing Knife & etc[.]	
Dec[.] 24	To Wood	6.00
	To Lumber	
	To Bbls[.]	
	To Hog.	
26[.]	To Wood	6.00
	To one box of Crockery	
	To bag of clothing	
	To Desk	
	To powder[,] 5 [adzes?] [,] 2 axes	
	To Dessicated Vegetables,	
	box of Iron.	

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June	Gin house Expenses	
22	John Harvey & Jones	2.00
29	For cutting Logs	9[.]00
July		
10	For hire	5[.]00
11	For hire	18[.]00.