

From D.N. Armstrong to Robert M. Stewart

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Private

St[.] Louis

June 6, 1858

His Excellency

R.M. Stewart,

Dear Sir,

I have just learned from my friend Col[.] Mitchell that you regard it as possible that one of the Volunteer Regiments may be taken from this state, and that you have tendered to him the Command. I should be glad to [secure?] the next in command, to wit, that of Lieut Col. provided you are uncommitted to any other person. You know me well, and, I believe, have confidence enough in me to rely on my preserving the honor of the State untarnished, if I should receive the appointment. I have sufficient confidence in my own nerve not to run from an Enemy.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your leisure.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully

Your friend

D.N. Armstrong