

From George Henry Hoyt to George L. Stearns

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Office Recruiting Commissioner,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT, Kans.  
Leavenworth, 62 Delaware Street,  
Aug. 13th [MS. illegible] 1862.

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Dear Sir,

We have now nearly organized the Third Regiment of Colored Kansans, -- armed[.] uniformed and equipped precisely as other Kansas Regiments. One more will soon be in the field. Col. Williams commands this --(the first) and Jennison will undoubtedly have command of the Colored Brigade. Williams, lately Capt[.] Williams, you will recollect as one of the old "fifty sixes" and as radical antislavery man. John [Dolles?] another of the true men, will be Major, and the company officers will be men of tried and settled principles. I expect to occupy the Lieut. Col's place.

It would afford us great pleasure if our Boston friends would give us an appropriate standard, such as the Era would suggest. We shall be in the field, where you will hear from

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us, soon. We expect ours will be the first armed Regiment of Blacks in the service.

I recently Returned from Mississippi in ill health. Was obliged to leave my noble John Brown boys behind. Still they will soon be again on this border I hope. Kansas is imperilled. I think Wendell Phillips will Cooperate with you.

Truly your friend

Geo[.] H[.] Hoyt