



Head Quarters 161st New York Vols.
New Iberia La. Jan 5th 1864

N. Y.
J. G. Sprague
Adjutant Genl,

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will forward to me ^{if proper for you to do so} a copy, or the Original Paper which was forwarded to you in a very irregular manner, not long since, the document in question is one drawn up, and signed by certain officers of this 161st Regiment purporting to be a nomination, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Regiment, caused by the Resignation of Colonel G. J. Harrower,

Those who signed the above ^{mentioned} paper are a discontented few who I have been obliged to keep a ^{tight rein on,} ~~very close watch over~~ on account of many ^{irregularities} in their conduct, My motive in doing so being to sustain, and add to the reputation of the Regiment ~~in~~ which I have

To Command since July 1863,
the honor to serve, and the state
which the ~~1st~~ is a representation
of, and at the same time to better
serve the cause ⁱⁿ for which we are
enlisted,

Hoping that my request
may meet with your approval
I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Serv

W B Kinsey
1st Cal Conty.

* note. The officer who prompted the forwarding
of the said ^{papers}, made an effort before sending
it, to induce the Adjutant of the Regiment
to make a false Certificate to accompany
it, showing that those whose names
were attached were the only officers
^{in and doing} for duty in the Regiment. You cannot
fail to perceive how detrimental
such conduct is to good discipline,
are men who are guilty of such conduct
suitable men for promotion, and
worthy of greater trust,