



Head Quarters 161st N. Y. Vol
Newville La January 31st 1865

Brig General S. Thomas
Adjutant General U.S.A.

Sir

In compliance with orders on the enclosed papers in the case of Mary C. Jewell late 2^d Lieut Company "K" of this regiment the following statement is respectfully submitted

Mr Jewell received letters from friends at home charging his wife with infidelity and advising him to come home to look after the welfare of his children. On upon the strength of these statements he twice tendered his resignation while the regiment was at Baton Rouge La in 1863 which were approved at the intermediate Ad Lts but disapproved at Ad Lts Dept of the Gulf; a third was addressed to the Adjutant General U.S. Army Washington D.C. and its acceptance strongly recommended by Colonel S. A. H. Dudley at

at that time commanding the brigade
When this was returned disapproved Jewell
deserted. I strongly censure his conduct but
am not surprised that his intense anxiety
to look after his children after receiving the
reports he did should tempt him to desert
when he failed to get his resignation accepted
In view of these circumstances I respectfully
request that the petition of the officers of this
regiment "that the sentence of Jewell be commuted
to dismissal from the service" be granted

I am sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

W. B. Finney Col

Commanding 161st Regt A. G. Vols