

The People of the State of New-York, by the Grace of God Free and Independent,



To

William B. Kinney

Greeting:

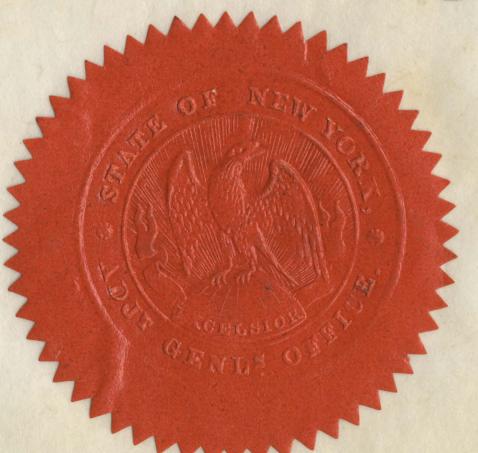
We, reposing especial trust and confidence, as well in your patriotism, conduct and loyalty, as in your integrity and readiness to do us good and faithful service, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor of our said State, by the laws of the United States and of the State of New-York, Have appointed and constituted, and by these presents Do appoint and constitute you the said William B. Kinney Lieutenant Colonel of the 161 Regiment of Infantry

NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEERS,

raised under the authority of the President and Congress of the United States of America, "to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," with rank from April 14 1863. You are, therefore, to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New-York, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, and hold the said Office in the manner specified in and by the Laws of the United States, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you, and for so doing this shall be your COMMISSION.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused our Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, HORATIO SEYMOUR, Governor of our said State; Commander-in-Chief of the Military and Naval Forces of the same, at our City of Albany, the First day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three



Chas. Evans  
A. A. Adjutant-General.

H. A. Seymour