

From Thomas Carney to James L. McDowell

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St[.] Louis

June 16th 1863

Sir[,]

Maj. Genl. Schofield has given me authority to raise a regiment of cavalry to be mustered into the Service of the U.S. for three years unless sooner discharged. I start for Washington to to morrow to have the order approved by the Secretary of War, and will telegraph you the result of my effort. You will take such initiatory steps in the matter as will secure its prompt success.

You had better announce the fact in the daily papers at once to prepare the people to organize *[text stricken through]* for this important service. Senator Fishback will confer with you fully upon the subject.

Upon my advice to you from Washington, you will see that all troops now in the service of the State, are at once mustered into this regiment that will go into

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it *[text stricken through]* and thereby relieve the State from the heavy expense now imposed by having to pay for its own defence.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt[.] Servt[.]

Thos[.] Carney

To Maj[.] Genl[.] McDowell

Leavenworth

P.S. This regiment when raised is to serve only in the State, or in the immediate vicinity of the border, to be armed & equipped: and paid by the Government, and is to be raised for the express purpose of defending the State, wherever needed--

T. Carney