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I will write you on the
other cases in a few
days -

The condition of our
Volunteer Regiments varies
immensely - Sherman had
his regiment in fine con-
dition, and it did good
service at Bull Run - It
was not, unfortunately, well
placed - Fisher has his regiment
in good condition - Phelps
tolerably so - Walcott &
Merrick's ought to be
removed -

With great respect
Very truly Yrs

W. J. McDowell
Washington August 1. 1861

His Excellency Gov. Morgan

Dear Sir

I see I last
night you reply to my
telegram, advising
me that you could
not at this time come
to Washⁿ -

Gov. McDowell wished
to confer with you as
to the filling vacancies
in our Volunteer Regts
A few have been lost in
battle - several have resigned,
and some ought to be
removed, for which there
is sufficient cause, if
we had better men ready
to fill their places -

The most surprising case
and the only one to which
I will now call your
attention is that of the
35th Regt Col Brown.
The Col Lt Col & Major
Resigned to take effect
the 1st of August - The
General refused to accept
their resignations for
that day - but will
accept them for the
10th inst, if you can
by that day fill their
places - This Regiment is
material one of the best
here - but is now in a
miserable condition as to
discipline and organization.
There is no question but

that the Col & Lt Col ought
to be replaced - The Major is, a
little better, but to retain him
would cause discontent with the
friends of the other two, and
it will probably be found best
to replace him likewise -
We find the condition, and
efficiency of these regiments
to depend almost wholly upon
the officers, and all questions of
locality, politics &c should
give way to the one consideration
of finding the best man -
If Martindale would take a
colonelcy, he would make the
35th the crack Regt -
I enclose a note the Genl
rec^d a few days since from
Mr Vinton, who is spoken
of very highly by his West Point
friends as a man of talent.