

Mustering Office for Colored Troops.

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My dear Garrett

I wrote you last when I was in the Sequatchie Valley - as I remember it - We were then moving on Chattanooga -

With my usual fortune I escaped the Chickamauga fight. About a week before the battle I was ordered up here as Mustering Officer of Colored Troops and to take part in the organization of said Troops -

I have been here since "do doing"

One Regiment from this Department has been fully raised and organized and is in the field doing duty. The second has been

raised and its organization would have been completed but for certain delaying circumstances before this. Next week I hope will see it finished

There are in Camp at Gallatin about 500 Recruits for the 3rd

Regiment. The Fourth and Fifth
are soon to begin recruiting.

Major Geo L Stearns is in charge
of the business ^{organizing} minister in the men
and render myself - an endeavor to
do so - generally useful in settling
such military questions as arise
and in shaping things so that
matters may go on smoothly.

Gov Johnson is now fully
in the work and so are all
the Union men of the State, whether
Slave holders or not.

The people - generally - feel the
insecurity of slave property and
are submitting to their fate gracefully
and hope before the present
winter is over ground may be
broken in Kentucky.

If only Father Abraham could
once hear his soldiers talk about
Kentucky and its Unionism!

Rosecrans has been re-
lieved as you know. Do you also
know that his Army don't think
he was fairly treated? They (his Army)
generally at least - are too good

soldiers not to submit gracefully,
and ^{with} implicitly confidence in their
wisdom, to the Act of the Comman-
der-in-Chief of the Armies and
Navies of the United States - but they
did like Rosecrans and believe
in his Generalship. They scout
the idea that Rosecrans was
"stamped" - Rosecrans did not
go a moment too soon - so
most people think - to Chattanooga.
Some think not soon enough. His
successor is a soldier whom we
always have honored as a soldier
and as a man. (George H. Thomas)

Doesn't your office
get out blanks & circulars &c? All such
issues would be of very great interest
to me and to Capt Young Deptmt
of Munitions - for they would fre-
quently bear directly upon points
presented to us.

If your office
does issue such and you could
send a file to Young and one to me
you would very greatly oblige us.
My kind regards to Mrs Barrett. Please
remember me to Melnick & Judge Cortis and

Please me always

R. D. Macey,
Nov. 13, 1863.

