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Camp before Vicksburg Feb 4. 1862.

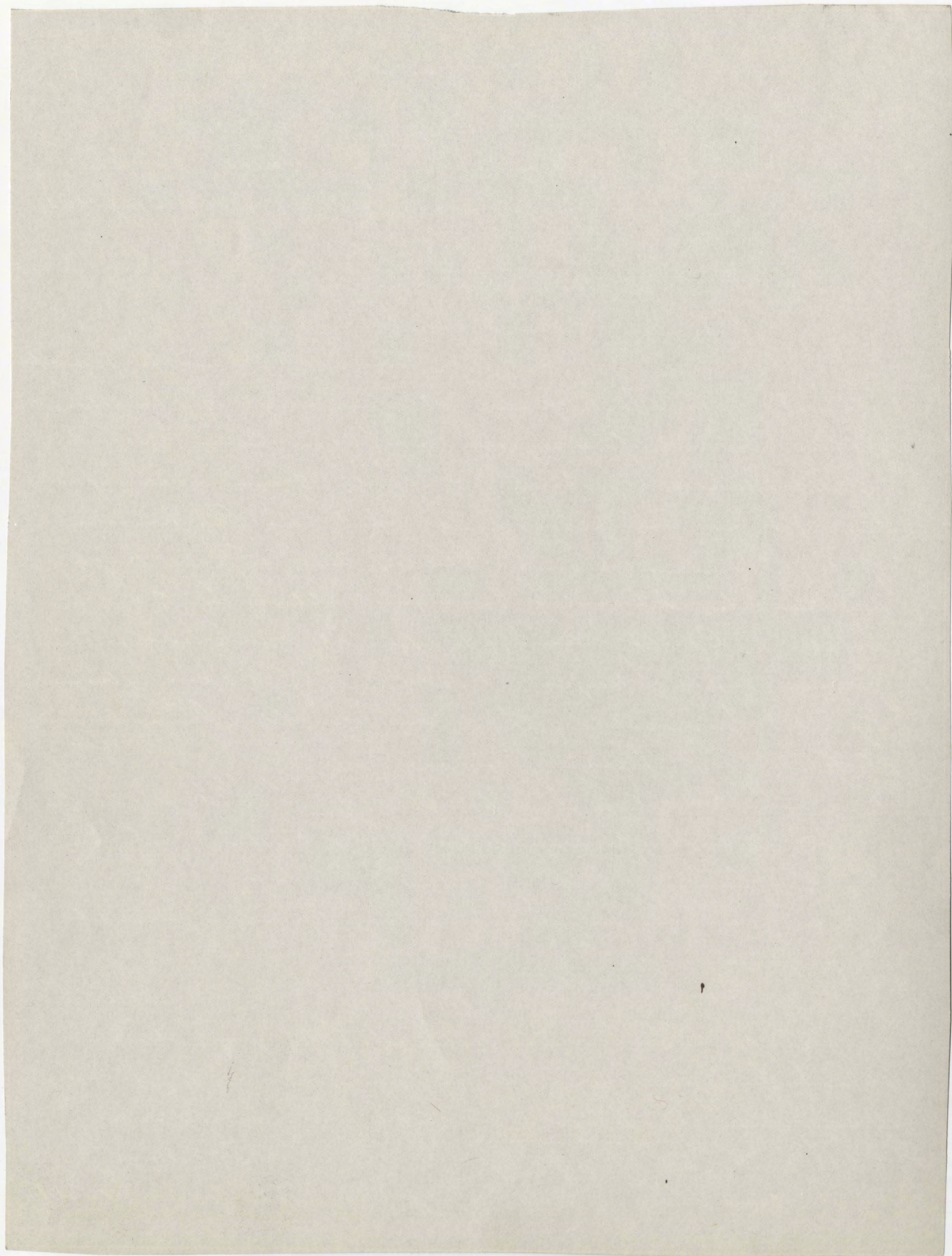
Major Geo. McKim.

My Dear Friend.

I have read with much interest your pamphlet reviewing the Evidence of the Court of Inquiry in your case. and repeat what I think I must say even before that it is an amazing fact in the history of a Civilized Land that an officer high in Rank should be compelled to go before a Court and actually endeavor to form and shape matters of accusation against himself. that he might thereby defend his fair fame.

"I Exclaim with you." is it not a bad symptom in the Nation when such things take place? Can its officers sustain themselves under such a System &c"

I have been pleased to observe in all the perplexities that have surrounded you. You have given hearty and cheerful support to all who were clothed with power and Authority. I regret the fact. but do not find fault



with Mr Lincoln who is no doubt bewildered
by the vast amount of Censure and
reprimand which reaches him from all
sides. He will himself find how
much he gains by the constant change
of leaders as well as Policy. The truth
is simply that our People filled with
Self Complacent Conit are resolved to
learn lessons of wisdom by means of
actual Experience instead of reading
the lessons of European Revolution and
profiting by the Experience of others.

The Division to which you Brothers
belong will be again assigned to my
Command. and I am glad of it.

Inasmuch as our Country is now well
supplied with Generals of great popularity
and newspaper Fame I will gladly avail
myself of the first good opportunity to take
that which would be far more
agreeable than to hold a transient power
and be the mark of every dismissed officer
and sneaking newspaper spy their charges
to assume.

With great respect

Yours friend,

W. T. Sherman

