

Executive Department
Springfield Ill May 25 1846

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your requisition of the 16th instant, for three regiments of infantry or riflemen of volunteers from this State. Immediately upon receiving it I have issued the necessary Orders, which will go out by this evening's mail, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

In pursuance of your instructions I will appoint "Illman Town" on the bank of the Mississippi river opposite St Louis, as the place of rendezvous. I have selected this place, because on account of its nearness to St Louis it is the most convenient place for the government to furnish arms, munitions and camp equipage; and transportation either to the Rio Grande or to New Mexico or California.

I request that provision may be made immediately for the encampment of the above regiments at that place and that I may be notified of the same at the earliest moment.

As yet I cannot believe that there will

be any delay or difficulty in raising the
required force

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Thomas Ford

Hon William L Marcy Secy of War

P.S. Please inform me what construction
is put upon the law by the department, as to
the appointment of Generals of Brigade and
division Are they to be appointed under the
laws of the State? or by the President? Are
the volunteers so far on a level with the regular
army that the President appoints all officers
above the grade of a Colonel and their Staff

Under the law I will of course
wait for the President to form the three
Regiments into a brigade; but when formed
I would be glad to know whether its Command
is to be designated under the laws of this
State or by the President; And if by the latter,
whether he will make an original appointment
or designate a militia general of this or

Some other state

J Ford

Springfield. May 25/46

Thomas Ford, Secy of Ill.

Enclosed copy of
order for raising twenty
regiment by requisition
and also constitution of
law respecting rights of
General Officers of Polanton.

Ans. 3 June 1846

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