

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10, 1884

Dear sir:

I have your favor of the 8th inst. and have to say that Connecticut has done without any detail from the Army of a teacher, for six years and the Secretary of War feels compelled under the law—as they have applied for one—to give ^{an officer} to them this year. The present law provides for the distribution as near as possible according to population. I have, however, introduced an amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill increasing the number of