

Head Quarters 7<sup>th</sup> V. Infantry  
Baton Rouge La. August 18. 1862

Sir,

Some vacancies have occurred in this regiment by death among the Officers, & so many other Officers are excused from duty on account of sickness that I have frequently been unable to supply an Officer for each Company there being less than ten Company Officers on duty at such times, several Officers have tendered their resignations on account of ill health and after carefully examining the cases & consulting the surgeon, in view of the rule which I understand has been adopted in this department as well as elsewhere I have enclosed ~~them~~ as approved by me & sent them through the proper channel to Division head quarters, I also forwarded the resignation tendered by St. G. W. Sheldon who was at the time & still is in arrest, he had been guilty of repeated misconduct & I was & still am satisfied that to retain him in the position he now occupies would be an injury to his Company, the regiment & the service all the other resignations tendered have been rejected by me as not proper to be accepted under the rule above alluded to, I should be glad if these resignations could be accepted & the Officers discharged so that their places may be filled by efficient men & thus enable me to put the regiment in a more service