

Camp Williams La.

August 30th 1862

Gen. Lorenzo Thomas.

Adjutant General

Washington

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In justice to the Regiment which I have the honor to command, the 5th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers, I find myself under the necessity of calling for an Examination into the statements made by the Major General commanding the Department in Order N^o 62 dated Aug. 15th 1862. which are calculated in my opinion to bring unmerited disgrace upon the Regiment and the State from which it comes.

I respectfully request that a Court of Inquiry may be assembled as soon as convenient to investigate and report upon the Battle of Baton Rouge and the part taken in that engagement by my Regiment, with the view that justice may be done to it and the service.

Regretting Exceedingly to find myself impeded