

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

UNITED STATES SENATE,

March 15, 1884.

JUSTIN S. MORRILL, Chairman.
 John Sherman, Thomas F. Bayard,
 John P. Jones, Daniel W. Voorhees,
 William B. Allison, James B. Beck,
 Nelson W. Aldrich, John R. McPherson,
 Warner Miller, Isham G. Harris.
 Benjamin Durfee, Clerk.

Dear sir:

I have received your favor of the 13th instant and have only to say that it is every year growing more and more difficult to get any extension of time of Military officers assigned to Colleges.

The feeling is very strong that they ought not to be away from their regiments longer than three years. Still I think there is a surplus of officers which can well be spared. I do not