

To J. Wolcott Phelps.  
Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Vermont Volunteers

Dear Sir: -

The subscribers, commanding officers in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. V. V. M., feeling anxious that their men should receive all the care compatible with their duties as soldiers, would respectfully request, if the matter is not already decided, that the Regiment be permitted to quarter in the building known as Willard's Hotel -

Without any desire to arrogate to themselves any power not belonging to them, the subscribers would represent that by far a great majority of the men are anxious to go into these quarters and are ready to furnish the necessary funds for the monthly rent.

With the greatest respect for our commander, the subscribers hope that this request will be granted them.

Fort Monroe, Va., May, 16<sup>th</sup>, 1861 -

Capt. S. D. Clark 1<sup>st</sup> Com.

Capt. W. W. Pelton 2<sup>nd</sup> Co.

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. H. E. Perkins, Commanding 3<sup>rd</sup> Company