

Tyler

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New Haven. Conn.

Col. Phelps, Dear Sir,

I have had a long conversation with Mrs Hayes - a common friend of ours - to day, and we, from speaking of the Great Bethel disaster, (in which we did not know who to blame,) fell to speaking of yourself, and finally about myself - The result is the following letter -

I am through coll. one week from date, and shall then be ready to do what little I can to aid this most holy uprising of loyal citizens to crush out rebellion -

I am graduated with whatever of knowledge & experience, four years of application to books and human nature has given me - My most prominent studies have been, Languages, Surveying, Political Economy, Several branches of Metaphysics, and International Law - Nor is my military education as poor as might ^{be} 'tis' it is poor enough - I have drilled and been drilled daily for six weeks, and have gone thro' with Hudec's Infantry tactics - This is all - I supposed I should go with my class as a company - but this plan is now relinquished -