

Camp Stonington.
Santa Rosa Island.
March, 14th. 1863.

Gen. J. W. Phelps.

Dear Sir,

A short time ago I wrote you, hastily sketching the later moves and condition of our Regiment. Since then I have learned of your nomination as Major General. You can hardly be surprised when I tell you that such news gives intense satisfaction here. I have heard it said that the later papers say the nomination was confirmed, but have not seen them myself. I do not intend this as a letter of congratulation, for I know well that you ^{have} not-accepted the position for advantage to yourself, and I trust that this time you may be allowed to show the world what your real motives are. The policy which a year ago they called insanity they are now