

Fort Pickens Florida

April 17th 1863.

Genl. J. W. Phelps

Dear Sir,

A long time since I received your letter, and although I have made several attempts to answer them, I have always failed. My time since you left New Orleans has been very much occupied. Courts of Enquiry and Courts Martial in addition to my other duties have kept me pretty busy.

The proceedings of the Court of Enquiry convened by Genl. Butler to investigate the part taken by the 7th Vermont Regt. in the battle of Baton Rouge, you doubtless have seen.