Head Quarters Department of the Monongahela,

Pittsburgh, Pa. Feb 19 1864

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Washington

Sir:

In the orders creating the Northern department, nothing was said about the three counties of Ohio belonging to this department—nor of the departmental troops in these counties. If these counties are detached from this department I have respectfully request that authority be given me to retain control of these Companies as was contemplated in the last paragraph of your orders. By VI June 9th 1863— and that such Company as desire may be mustered in these and attached to this department.

Very Respectfully,

W. H. S. Brooks
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