

Head Quarters Department of Virginia
Fortress Monroe July 31st 1861

His Excellency
Governor Morgan of the
State of New York

Sir

I have forwarded by Colonel Rush C Hawkins, of the
9th N.Y. Volunteers, a list of the resigned officers, of the various N.Y. Regiments within
this Department - With but one or two exceptions, cases of Sickness. I do not regret their
absence. I cannot say, their loss. The Regiments are becoming demoralized for
the want of Officers to fill their places as well as for the want of efficient
officers to fill the places of those, who will resign or be discharged under the
New order of examination, just published by the War Department, It is
in my judgement of the utmost consequence to the Service, that these Regiments
shall be properly officered and that at once.

I desire to impress on your Excellency, by this note, the urgent
necessity for speedy action upon this subject and for details to commend
to you, Colonel Hawkins who has full knowledge of them, and whose
statements may be relied on. I need not say more, for I believe he is personally
known to you, both as a Gentleman and an Officer

I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully

Wm. F. Butler
Maj. Genl
(Comd)

Off. Monroe

July 31, 1861

Gen. B. F. Butler

Relative to Resignatory
of Association

Re. Aug. 3.