I met 21st Fl.
17th Mar. 1865.

My dear Colonel:

Have you read note inviting me and my staff to attend the presentation of the Ashmead Medal on Tuesday morning.

I should be very happy to be present if it were in my
power; but my presentiments are not very comprehensive. Besides, I am no stuff. I resigned last May; my resignation has not yet been accepted, and I have been kept busy with matters of influence till within a week or two. I, nevertheless, feel now much as if that allusion lost my military stations. Please, therefore, excuse me, and accept my best wishes for yourself, Col. Gallant Regiment, which I remember always, with heartfelt sorrow, to have had once, though for a short time only, under my command.
John A. Dix
Maj. Gen.
USA