

Executive Mansion,

Washington, August 15, 1863.

My dear General Anderson

I have been through the War Department this morning looking up your case. Section 20 of "An act providing for the better organization of the Military Establishments" Approved August 3, 1862, seems to leave no discretion to President, Secretary of War, General-in-Chief, or any one else. The General-in-Chief, however, says that, if agreeable to you, he will give you command of Fort Adams (Situate) at New Port, R.I. by which you pay will be the same as if this law did not exist. I advise you to try it, at all events. Gen. Halleck says it will require substantially no favor, or thought, whatever. Please telegraph whether you conclude to try it.

And now, my dear General, allow me to assure you that we have and all your sincere friends.

Very truly
Abraham Lincoln

