

Head Quarters 3rd Regt of Inf?
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

May 22, 1861.

General,

Two companies of my regiment have been ordered from Minnesota to Pittsburgh, Pa. to await further orders and I leave this post with my Head Quarters Staff and band, for the same destination by the first downward boat.

I have the honor respectfully but most urgently to request that my two companies at this post the one at Fort Riley, the one at Fort Sarned, and the one at Saint Louis, may be ordered to join me at Pittsburgh, without delay, thus concentrating the entire regiment under my immediate command. I would most respectfully suggest that the movement herein proposed would not interfere with the proper defence of this frontier, as the six companies of the 1st Cavalry and the two of the 1st Infantry, momentarily expected at this post, are more than adequate to supply the places of the four companies of my regiment ^{to be with drawing} from this state. With regard to the company in Saint Louis,

I would further respectfully suggest that
it's services there, can be dispensed with
owing to the large number of other troops
regular and volunteer, now concentrated
in that city.

Yours, General,

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servant

D. J. Miles
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