Head Quarters 3rd Reg't Inf. 
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
May 22, 1861.

General,

Five companies of my regiment have been ordered from Minnesota to Pittsburgh, Pa., to await further orders, and I have this post with my Head Quarters 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 Laramie, and the one at St. 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 has been proposed would not interfere with the proper defense of this frontier, as the two companies of the 1st Cavalry and the two of the 1st Infantry, momentarily expected at this post, and more than adequate to supply the place of the four companies of my regiment from this state.

With regard to the company in St. Louis,
I would further respectfully suggest that it's service there, can be discharged with
among the large number of the troops
regular and volunteers now concentrating
in that city.

Sant, General.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant

[Signature]

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