Springfield, Illinois
Dec. 16, 1862

Major Genl. A. W. Halleck,
Genl. in chief.

Having substantially accomplished
the purpose of the order sending me to the states of Indiana,
Illinois and Iowa, by forwarding upwards of 100,000 troops, as
more particularly explained in my letter of the 1st inst. to the Secre-
tary of War and referred by him to you, I beg to be sent forward
in accordance with the order of the Secretary of War of the 21st
of October, giving me command of the Mississippi expedition.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient

[Signature]

John A. McCleland
Maj. Genl.
I must have your permission to proceed.

John A. McClelland