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Colonel

In the hope, when I left the Army of the Potomac at Warrenton, that while there the General-in-Chief would give me an investigation, twice asked for, into the allegations of Maj General Pope against me in his report of the 3rd Sept. I asked for and obtained permission to bring with me such members of my staff as were not required by Maj Genl Hooker, finding everything in complete ^{order} and prepared for officers of his own staff - (commissioned I understand by the President) to enter at once upon the performance of their duties - General Hooker kindly relined them.

If the investigation I have asked for is to be given, I respectfully request permission to retain near me these officers, who are essential witnesses and assistants.

I am Colonel

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
G. J. Porter
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