

To

Colonel J. C. Kelton
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Head Qrs. of the Army
Washington City

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Colonel,

I have the honor to renew through the General-in-Chief, to the Hon. Secretary of War my application twice made, for an investigation into the charges of Major General John Pope against me, presented in his report of Sept. 3rd '62.

Only a few days since, I saw for the first time the defence of Brig. Gen. John A. Martin-dale, delivered before the Court of Inquiry called to investigate charges against him signed by me.

By the publication of that defence he assumes the military responsibility arising from the presentation of such allegations and insinuations.

In justice to me, in justice to my command, officers of which he has attacked, and in justice to the country, I respectfully ask of the Hon. Secretary of War the extension of the investigation to the points presented by Brig. Gen. Martindale.

I beg here to call the attention of the General-in-Chief, and through him that of the Hon. Secretary of War, to the fact that I was not informed of the existence of that Court of Inquiry, till eight days after it commenced its session, and that owing to the "exigencies of the service" I could not attend for several days after my summons as a witness was received - and that I had no opportunity to substantiate the charges before the court, or refute the accusations against me. I ask an opportunity at an early day to investigate fully and freely those accusations, and request the General-in-Chief will present, if necessary for his action, this my petition to the President of the United States.

I am

very respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

F. J. Porter

Maj. Genl