February 22nd 1864

Sir: Many of our citizens desiring residence in the gold fields of Idaho and other Territories, the mining districts, &c. are emigrating from other States & Territories, wish to know what arrangements I am, or am to be made for their protection. Without some protection, should be afforded them and I think if a Regiment of infantry could be stationed or a part stationed for part used as an escort along the road between Kansas or Kansas, a Pramroke by the end relieved would be accomplished, if fully, without as little expense, to the Government, as in any other way.

If this plan should be favorably considered by you, I presume the Iowa & Nebraska (Bak) which is in part, made up from this Territory, would like to be detailed for this purpose, most of the members of this Regiment being accustomed to life on the frontier, therefore would be peculiarly adapted to that service. They have now
Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Henry S. Stanwyck
Governor of Massachusetts

[Signature]

Hon. E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War
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