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Fort Stevens Co. Ill.
July 23^d 1853

Sir:

Having been appointed a Brevet
Second Lieut. in the 2^d Regt of Artillery
I have the honor to report to the
Head Quarters of the Army, in
obedience to Gen. Orders No 19 of July 1st
1853. My address during my leave
of absence will be as above.

I am Sir:

Lieut Col. S. Thomas Very Respectfully
Lieut Col. Capt Gen Your Most Obedt Servt
U. S. Army J. M. Schofield
N. Y. Brevet 2^d Lieut
2^d Artillery

JOHN M. SCOTT Field
Maj. Gen. USA

To.
Lt. Col L. THOMAS