



Head Quarters

Hartford Conn Dec 11 1861

General

I have your favor of the 8th instant
The first Connecticut Battery is complete waiting orders
for its movement. I think there will be no better
Battery in the service. The Horses have all been
selected without regards to cost, the State
expecting to pay their cost above \$125. which
we understand to be the average price paid by
the Government for Battery Horses. It will be
composed of 130 Horses. 110 for the Battery and
20 for the baggage train. The Camp Equipage
will be ample including Sibley's improved tents.
The Officers (Lieut's) are intelligent men but
without experience and the men are all young
intelligent men selected with reference to
fitness for Artillery duties. The material of the
Battery will consist of four rifle Brass 6 pound
Guns of the latest Ordnance pattern and were each
last week at the Ames Company's works at
Springfield. in exchange for the same number

of 6 pounder Cannon of the Arms Co last summer
and sold by them to the State of Ohio.

In addition to the four 6 pounder there will be
two 12 pound Howitzers. Thus make for "the
Personelle" and material" of the Battery.

From the Pledge - no not Pledge but expectations.
held out, Gen. Buckingham has relied on the
detachment of Lieut. Apton to command the Battery.
He confesses that we have no man fit for such
command and we have supposed that the interest
of the service would be so certainly secured by
the appointment of Lieut. Apton, that we have not
doubted but that it would be made

I have suggested that if the Battery is
ordered to Washington, it can be sent there under
its present Officers and that Lieut. Apton can then
be detached and appointed, so that without losing
his service for a single day, you can gain a
Battery second to none in the service.

Can you not arrange this matter?

To
Brig Genl G. M. Barry Very Respectfully Yours
Chief of Artillery. Daniel Tyler

To Gen. Wm BARRY

Daniel Tyler
Brig Genl.