Head Quarters
Hartford Conn Decm 1861

General

I have your favor of the 8th instant.
The 1st Connecticut Battery is complete awaiting orders for its movement. I think there will be no better Battery in the service. The horses have all been selected without regard 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 Improv’d tent.
The officers (Sirs) are intelligent men but without experience and the men are all young intelligent men selected with reference to fitness for Artillery duty. The materials of the Battery will consist of four rifle cases & pound guns of the latest ordnance pattern and were cast last week at the Ames Company’s works at Springfield in exchange for the same number
of 6-pounder guns of the Armies of last summer
and sold by them to the State of Ohio.
In addition to the four 6-pounders, there will be
two 12 pound howitzers. This made for the
personnel and matériel of the Battalion.
From the pledge - no not pledge that expectation.
Tell us, Gen. DeBurgins has relics on the
detachment of Lieut. Apton to command the Battalion.
We confess 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 Battalion 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
Battalion ready to move in the event.
Can you not arrange this matter?

To
Brig. Gen. McP. Barry  Very respectfully yours,
Chief of Artillery

To Gen. Wm. Barry