

Navy Department

March 20, 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Committee on Naval Affairs, a copy of a letter received by the Department from Colonel John Harris, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in relation to a communication addressed to him by Major John G. Reynolds, who has been recently nominated for promotion to a Lieutenant Colonelcy in the Corps.

The character of the paper signed by Major Reynolds, a copy of which is enclosed, makes it necessary for the Department to request that the Committee will suspend their action on his nomination.

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I am resp'y, sir,
your best. servt.
Gideon Welles

Hon. John P. Hale

Chairman Com.^o Naval Affairs
U. S. Senate

Gideon Welles
Sec. of Navy