In Camp, Davis' Ford, near
Manassas, Va. Feby. 9. 1862

My dear Sir,

My friend & brother Officer, Lieut. Col. Gordon of this Regt, has undertaken to raise & organize a Regt. of Infantry to serve for two years with veteran ~~listed~~ men, & 3 years with recruits. Having heard that you were also coming into the service, it occurred to me that you & he might form a junction, mutually advantageous to each other & the service. He has acceded to the arrangement, & as he is unacquainted with you, I proposed to write you by way of introduction, & to add my own solicitations that you, too,

would agree to it. He proposes to yield you the Lt. Colonelcy.

I take great pleasure in stating that Col. Gordon is a high toned accomplished & educated gentleman. He has served with me, first as Maj; & then as Lt. Col. after Col. Baker resigned (to which he was elected unanimously by the men) since this Regt. has been in the service, & to my entire satisfaction.

I feel quite sure that the association would be agreeable, & equally so that a Regt. under you & he would reflect credit upon the State & yourselves,

I may add, that the Regt. proposed to be raised by Col. Gordon is designed by the officers & men, who have so far gone into it, as one of several

to constitute a Brigade over which your humble serv't is to be recommended to preside. So far, very encouraging headway has been made in this Regt. Some four or five skeleton companies have been recruited for Col. Gordon's Regt. of from 30 to 40 men, & some one or two for Col. Morgan & Maj. Weems. There will be from 500 to 600 of this Regt. who will reenlist. Pretty good for the old 6th Ala.

I hope, my Dear Sir, that we shall have the benefit of your services & companionship in the camp, in the manner proposed herein, as I am sure it will redound to the benefit of the cause.

I am very truly yr. friend

J. J. Seibels