To Major Genl Buckner
Comdg 3rd Div. S. C. A. M.

Sir:

On the morning of the 17th October on leaving Canton and approaching the bridge near the Canton, in rear of Hardee's Battery, I found Capt-Colonel with the head of his column waiting near the road who insisted on taking a position in the column next to Hardee's Battery. I said to him that Major Shelika the chief of Artly. had ordered me not five minutes before to follow in the rear of Hardee's Battery, and that I should do so. He replied that he knew his place and he intended to have it and that he did not care a damn for Major Shelika's orders - I said to him that I would refer the matter to Major Shelika or Genl Buckner both of whom were just in advance. He said he intended to go on after Hardee and I might refer it to whom I pleased. During this time he was ordering his men to force their teams on the road occupied by my men threatening to knock off his drivers heads if they did not go on, and interlarding his remarks with many oaths. His conduct showed that if I maintained my place in the road, it would be at the expense of a disgraceful contest - I therefore

said to him that I would have the road to him and report the matter to you -

You will remember that I did so verbally immediately after the occurrence, when you ordered him to be arrested - I had previously reported to Capt. Williams Chief of Arty in Major Shelika's absence that Capt. Calvert was drunk on the 9th of October on the march from Harrodsburg to Bryantsville. I also reported that he was drunk on the march on the 15th October and while drunk struck one of his sergeants with his sword -

When these facts were reported to you verbally you directed me to make out charges against him - I have accordingly reduced the statement to writing and will consult with any one who knows how to embody it formally into charges.

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Memo of my Report of Calvert to Genl Buckner

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