New York June 2d. 1841.

General,

I enclose an application, signed by the entire company of Capt. Swartz for a transfer of the corps to the 38th Regt. of Artillery and a letter from Maj. Gen. Sandford, which I intended to present personally; but pressing avocations have denied me that pleasure. —

Believing, as I do, in all sincerity, that the best interests of the service will be consulted, if the transfer be made, and at once, I hope the petition will be granted.

"When this company was formed, I understand, the members were all promised the privileges and exemptions now enjoyed by law by the Artillery. Their expectations having never been realized, ~~many~~ the members of the company have been disappointed, and dissatisfied with the station they have occupied. —

There are now in the 38th Regt. Arty. three companies of Germans — the transfer now requested would consolidate all the German corps. The 38th Regt. has but six companies and are entitled to eight by law. —

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Every consideration of the matter seems to make it desirable that the application should receive the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief. —

The Artillery of this city, as you are aware, General, are subject to the orders of the Major, in cases of insurrection, invasion, riot, &c. They do more duty than the ordinary militia, and have privileges not extended to the other corps. It is important that the ranks of the first Division should be full, and that the corps should be sustained, to insure its efficiency in time of need; and, it is my opinion, if the recent law, which passed the assembly, had also passed the senate, that it would have been the wisest and best act that ever emanated from Albany, so far as the peace and tranquility of the city, and the good of the service, are concerned. — It would have strengthened the Artillery corps that can be relied upon in times of difficulty, and there is little doubt but that the further organization of separate companies would have ceased. By this I would not be understood to say that these separate companies are not good troops. on the contrary, they are among the best in the service; but, to render them available, in my judgment, they should be consolidated into regiments and brigades, and have extended to them the same exemptions, and be subject to the same orders and duties with the Artillery. — in short placed upon the same footing precisely. — As they are organized at present, they destroy the recruiting of the only uniformed division in the city, which is not sufficiently numerous, and never will be without the intervention of the commander-in-chief or the legislature, to meet all the emergencies likely to arise from time to time in a community like ours.

With these views and sentiments I have signed the applications of Capt. Sweatz and broke that he may be successful with it.

With apologies for so long a communication, I remain,

Dear General,

With sentiments of esteem,

Yours very truly

Geo. P. Morris.

Brig. Gen'l Rufus King,
Adj. Gen'l State of N.Y.
Albany.

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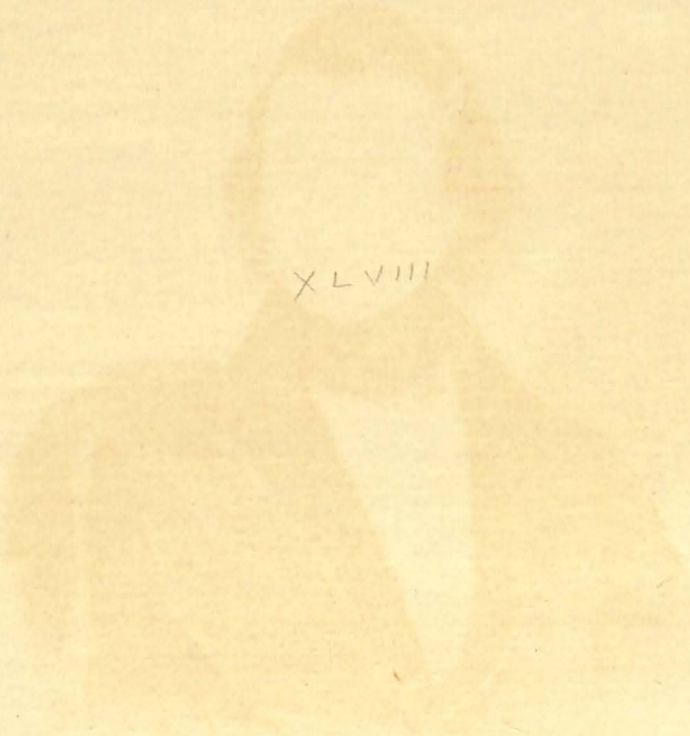
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