

South Salem January 26th 1819

Sir I started for your house but heard you
had gone to Albany as I have no other opportunity
to write to you I improve the mail agreeable
to the militia Law of last Session I called on Capt
Miller of the artillery to appear with his company at
the Regimental parade for Review and Inspection
he informed me his company was so broke to pieces
he did not know as he could parade ten men and
that it was his wish and the wish of the officers
that the company might be disbanded I understand
that there is a company enlisting within the limits
of the Regiment under my command intended for
artillery they have enlisted I understand rising thirty
men about all from one company which I think very
improper if there should be more returned for
commission for said company I think it would be
very improper to give them commissions Capt Miller
of the present artillery informed me that the
person intended for Capt. of this new ^{company} was a Subaltern
in his company and they did not think him a suitable
person for promotion if it is necessary there should
be a company of Artillery (which I doubt) I think the
men ought to be taken from the Companies through
the Regiment not to destroy two or three Companies
to build up one you will recollect Sir that I informed
you that it was my wish to resign the Commission which
I hold from the honorable the Council of Appoint-
ment constituting me a Colonel of the 34th
Regiment of Infantry in the Division under your
Command it is still Sir my wish I hope Sir you
will have the goodness to receive this my Resignation

as I have lately received some Resignations which
I have not determined to Except I am not prepared
to make a Return to fill the vacancies in the
Regiment under my command please sit to
write to me immediately on the Receipt of this
Letter if you Except or do not Except my Resignation
and I will make a Return immediately on the
Receipt of your answer I am with the highest
Respect your Obedient Servant

Major General Peire Van Cortlandt Solomon Mead

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