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Assistant Surgeon Office

New Orleans, Feby 9, 1862

Col. H. B. Chase

Comy 21 Regt

Sir,

The commissioning of all officers whether Medical or Volunteer Corps expires on the 15th inst. New appointments or reappointments must be made on or after the 15th of this month. In organization of the companies into regiments Volunteer companies will have to meet for the purpose of organizing into the new form recommended or to elect their officers.

It is my recollection Capt. Egan's Company in the Beauregard Rangers, a cavalry corps, is full in all, and the number required say 3 officers, 8 non-commissioned officers, and 32 privates, make 46. So that he would have no difficulty in getting the odd men to make up his company, but he would be attached to a regiment.

Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. Watson

Asst. Surg.

Historical Notes:

- Dated February 9, 1862, during the American Civil War.
- References reorganization of volunteer companies into regiments, reflecting Confederate military restructuring.
- Mentions Beauregard Rangers, likely named after General P.G.T. Beauregard.
- Indicates standard company composition (officers, NCOs, privates).
- Addressed to Col. H. B. Chase, confirming his rank and active service during early 1862.