

Wilmington N. Carolina
August 8th/66

Secretary of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Your favors of July
1st and August 4th are received, and from their nature
lead me to suppose that there has been some misappre-
hension or oversight in regard to the claim of Lieut. A.
C. Thomas Co. G. 103th Ohio Infantry. On the 28th
of January 1865, I mailed to your address, a claim
for arrears of pay, which had previously been referred to
the paymaster general and was by his order forwarded
to you. Your letter in reply to this application was
dated March 14th 1865, and was to this effect. "Cases
of this kind under the said Comptroller will be suspended
until the close of the war or until the pressure of business on this
Office has in a degree diminished." On under date of June
1st 1866 I was informed that this case would soon be reached
and taken up for settlement, and about the same date that
certificates of non-indebtedness from Quartermaster Gen

and Chief of Ordnance were required.

These certificates were furnished and under date of July 31st you inform me that my — "returns will be examined and settled as soon as the business of this office will permit — No unnecessary delay will occur" — Accordingly under date of August 4th I receive from you a certificate of "Non-Indebtedness". — This is all right so far as it goes, but I am at a loss to know why the certificate was forwarded to me if you were to settle the claim for arrears of pay. I am led to suppose therefore that by some oversight it was thought that I merely required a certificate of non-indebtedness to lay before the Paymaster General. Instead of this I require the adjudication of the claim set forth in the Application the receipt of which you acknowledge on the 14th of March A. D. 1865. I accordingly return your certificate of non-indebtedness with that of the Ordnance Office, and your letter of March 14th 1865 herewith and ask your attention to the claim set forth in my application —

Yours Respectfully
A. D. Murray