

Col. Gen. T. Parker

My dear Colonel:

On my return yesterday, I found news awaiting me which somewhat changes my relation to the ~~history~~ work on the history.

It had been my purpose to gather the personal material during the next few months and not begin the actual <sup>composition</sup> ~~writing~~ until next Spring, so as to get it out by the fall of 1894.

With this view, I had intended to get some other work, for which I was under contract, out of the way immediately, so that my hands

might be free for that.

I learn now, that the other  
work has been ~~deferred~~ deferred, so  
that I can now ~~readily~~ <sup>conveniently</sup>  
reverse this arrangement and  
upon consideration I am of  
opinion that I had better do so. Of  
course, the general narrative can  
be done as well at one time  
as another and the chapters devoted  
to personal incident, &c, can be  
interspersed, modifications made &c

all the more easily if the frame-  
work is first prepared. I calculate  
that it will take the bulk of my  
time for six months and had ex-  
pected to put ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> of this in a  
hump, but as I can now give  
September, ~~and~~ <sup>and part of</sup> October, ~~almost~~ <sup>almost</sup> wholly  
to it I think it best to do so and  
so leave the more formal work of  
the appendices and ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> more person-  
al matter to be done as the book  
goes through the press. This will give  
more time for the collection

of specific data and prevent the  
danger of error in small matters.

I have concluded, also, that the cor-  
respondence would better all be done  
by me. If we try to have Maynard  
do a part, it will result in inex-  
tricable confusion and misunder-  
standing. I will keep an account  
of postage and stationery therefore  
and take on this extra work  
for the sake of facilitating the matter.  
By this means I think the work may  
be ready for the press as we to take  
advantage of the slack season of

~~next summer when publishing is al-  
ways cheaper and best done because  
the big printing firms are not  
pushed as at other times.~~

I will, therefore, proceed to get up the cir-  
culars, have Maynard and Parker send  
me their data which I will have read  
over to me at dinner any evening.  
By so doing I can probably get the  
work substantially completed up to  
Hullamoga during the next two  
months. This will not only put my  
convenience better but will I think  
lead to greater certainty and

more brevity of proportion  
by giving more time for revision  
and suggestion.

I wish you would at once  
pick up all the books you have  
been using on the subject and ex-  
press them to me. I will send  
them back after the child is born.  
If you know of any others please  
give me a reference to them.

I would like you also to take a  
little blank book which you can  
carry along in your pocket and  
note down things that may occur.

to you from time to time, that  
~~should be~~ might be of interest both  
personal and general incidents. Do  
not presume that I will get all or  
remember everything. As soon as you  
reach Perryville in these notes, send me  
the book. No matter how irregular,  
spotted or incomplete it may be,  
I value the things you remember. They  
will be sure to supplement others memory.  
~~Do not try to write out~~ ~~away~~ ~~More~~ ~~sketch~~  
your memoranda will serve and if need  
be I can ask you to amplify some that  
I am not so well informed on.  
I will take advantage of the check

Who has the records of the regiment?  
I suppose the official register, daily reports,  
tc, went to the Adjutant General's office  
of Ohio? Or are they in the War De-  
partment? Is there any file of orders  
received on reports made?

I told Mr. Maynard that payment  
might be made as follows \$250, within  
30 days; \$250 Jan. 1st and the balance  
when the work was ready for the printer,  
~~by the present arrangement~~ By this arrange-  
ment I shall be ready to print by Jan. 1st  
or Feb. 1st or farther. This will enable  
us to take advantage of the slack season



in publishing, during February and  
March. This would bring the two book  
purports very close together and if  
it would suit you as well it would  
serve me better to make them \$50  
a week beginning with next week,  
and running for 20 weeks <sup>though</sup> when  
I expect to have all but the appendices  
ready to print before that time. Of course  
there will be left open until the last  
page is printed. It will take about 10 days  
or two weeks to print when they once get  
at it. I will write to two <sup>large</sup> printers today,  
in regard to cost, and also to Levy type  
people as to cost of portraits. Shall we

have portraits of Ferrill, King, Reynolds and  
other div. and Brig. commanders!

Yours

L. W. T.