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My Dear Parker.

I hasten to reply to yours. You ask if I would accept a commission in an other company. I should prefer this Company from the fact of being better acquainted with the men and officers. And we have recently ~~or are~~ or rather are about to be converted into Horse Artillery. I think I am correct in making this last statement as we send today for an additional allowance of Horses. But if I could get the appointment of first Lieutenant in some new Mounted Battery or field Battery with a prospect of active service I should accept it. If I was more familiar with the Sabre Exercise I should prefer Cavalry to Artillery. In infantry I would accept no position below that of field officer. I have not another moment to write if Genl Arthur will do me the signal act of kindness to procure me a commission as first lieutenant I shall be greatly indebted to him