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Hd Qrs. 3rd Brigade
Hancock's Division
Bolivar Heights Va
Oct. 19/62

Brig. Genl. C. A. Arthur

General:

An order has just been promulgated here from the War Dept. authorizing regular army officers to come into Volunteer regiments and ~~recruit~~ enlist our men into the regular service. We Colonels are powerless to prevent this most damnable outrage but I hope you will use your influence with Gov. Morgan to have him protest against the order & demand its annulment. — We make regts. a credit to the state & these worthless drones appointed into the new regular regts take our good men & we must take Conscripts to fill their places. — The regulars who have never won a fight in this war are to be "boosted" by our efforts. Act for God's sake to stop it!

Yours

J. K. Zook
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