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Head Quarters 3rd Infty N.Y.V.
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Dear Genl.

The Majority in this Regt is, or soon will be, vacant, and I wish to say a word in regard to its being filled, knowing that what you may say or do about it will have much influence with the Governor.

Smith has received a Commission, & accepted the same, as Lt Col of the 2nd Duryee Zouaves, but has not resigned (formally) his position of Major here - or at least his resignation has not been recd by Genl Dix, probably owing to inadvertance on Smith's part.

Capt E. D. Floyd, the senior Capt in the Regt, wants the position when it is vacant, and ought to have it. He has been with the Regt ever since its organization, and is well qualified for, & would make a good Maj. He is the only officer at all calculated (among the line officers) to fill the place. I have heard within a few days that Capt Mulford (3rd in rank) is trying very hard to get the position of Major. And I want through you to enter my protest against his having it. He is too