

Newburn

June 23^d 1861

Thomas Shannon Esq

Dear Sir -

Having that
you & your Company are anxious to
see Active Service which will surely
be realized by remaining at Percoke.
I write not only to invite but request that
your Command will join the 4th Regiment
of NC State troops - George Anderson. Colonel
(by reputation the most efficient officer in
the regulars) - Mr Young of Charlotte - Lieut Col,
and myself as Major - There are now seven
Companies in the Regiment - with the promise
of one or two more - The Colonel ordered
me to be in readiness by next Tuesday week - as
he in all probability would move on to -
Manassas Gap as soon after that as possible -

From the present aspect of affairs
it appears that ^{we} will ~~be~~ have a fight within
the next three months - The Commissions of
the Company will be issued to the officers
whom ^{the Company} have already chosen or may

peremptory choice - I write in great
haste - If you should conclude to enter
the regular service - you can write to
Col Anderson at Raleigh & he will
attend to the transfer & all else that
is necessary - Report of firing for 12 hours
at Bethel - Gen Lyon's Capture - Confirmed -

Yours

Bryan Grimes

Capt Porter is in the 4th & Capt March
expects to join it -

Bryan Grimes

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