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Portsmouth

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1861

General.

I learn on my arrival at Portsmouth after an absence of a week, that there is some sickness in several of the camps on the Island. I occupy by order of the late Governor Ellis the building heretofore used as a Marine Hospital by the <sup>late</sup> U. S. Government. I think it is now required for the use of the sick, and if it meet your approval, I propose to vacate it forthwith. There are no vacant quarters on the Island, and my security tents are in use at Fort Dacotah. I will endeavor to make the best arrangements possible for the comfort of

My Men,

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c

J. S. [unclear]

To Brig. Genl.

Sen. Capt. Com

Wallis [unclear]

Forces of [unclear]

Commandy [unclear] Dept

Coast Defences

Al.

Letter to Genl

Erwin.

Vacante [unclear]