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My Dear Richard:

Your most generously kind letter is very greatly appreciated. No one loves Edenton more than I, as you very well know, and Dr. Dillard and you are, as the poet says, "enshrined in my heart."

The 68th Regiment N.C. State Troops had a most interesting history. It and the 67th were raised "for the Protection of the State" and were recruited into its service, but were never turned over to the Confederate States, but as a matter of fact were under the orders of Confederates, like other regiments, except that they could not be, and never were, ordered beyond the borders of North Carolina, except one slight incursion of the 68th into East Tennessee.

The 68th was organized in July 1863, with its office and recruiting headquarters N.C.; James W. Hinton of Pasquotank Colonel; Edward C. Yellowley of Pitt, lieutenant colonel; Joseph J. Edwards, of Hertford, Major. The companies were from Pasquotank, ⁽²⁾ Curdean, ⁽²⁾ Hertford, ⁽³⁾ Bertie, ⁽¹⁾ Chowan, ⁽¹⁾ Gates, (10 companies in all.)

No record of the 68th is here, except a roster of its commissioned officers. No returns were sent to Richmond, Va., and thus none can be found at Washington City. The Confederate government turned over to the U.S. all its records, as you know, in April-May, 1865. In Walter Clark's "Regimental Histories," which is in your office, you will see the story of the 68th, and the roster of it gives a partial roster of two or three companies, but "Elliott's" is not in there.

Yours most cordially,

Fred. A. Olds

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