Captains
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Johnston &
Gillian

Portsmouth N.H.
July 7th 1861

The undersigned commanders of companies stationed on this Island respectfully request that you surrender for the use of the sick soldiers the Hospital now occupied as quarters by your command.

It is within the experience of each of us that we are unable to provide suitable and proper diet, nursing and medical attention for our sick men quartered in our own camps or billeted upon the natives. This is true when only the ordinary diseases of the climate prevail. but with measels, itch, and other contagious diseases in our camps. it is hopelessly impossible to

give them proper care and alleviation. It is the surgeon's duty to provide nurses and diet for the sick. This he cannot do or attempt to do, scattered as the sick are on the Island — in fact he cannot see them as often as he would wish and their wants require. For these reasons we desire that a Hospital be provided for the sick — and we prefer that indicated by us, because it was built with special aim to that use — It is large and comfortable — it has a good cistern. Its rooms are so arranged as to separate patients with contagious diseases from all others — If all the sick are brought together there, under the eye of our surgeon, we trust that his attention will prevent a recurrence of the melancholy ceremony in which we have all borne a part to day —

The number of sick in our camps obliges us to ask that better provision be made for them and we respectfully urge that the Hospital be speedily assigned to their use —

Most Respectfully

Jas J Lith Capt.
"Hyde Co Rifles"

G. W. Johnston, Capt
"Tar River Boys."

T. H. Sparrow
Capt.

Wash Grays —

T. H. Sharp Capt.
Hartford Light Infantry.

H. A. Gillian Capt.

Morris Guards.