Camp Straighton.
Santa Rosa Island.
March, 14th, 1868.

Gen. J. W. Phelps,
Dear Sir,

A short time ago I wrote you, hastily sketching the later moves and condition of our Regiment.
Since then I have learned of your nomination as Major General. You can hardly be surprised when I tell you that such news gives intense satisfaction here. I have heard it said that the latest papers say the nomination was confirmed, but have not seen them myself. I do not intend this as a letter of congratulation, for I know well that you have accepted the position for advantage to yourself, and I trust that this time you may be allowed to show the world what your real motives are. The policy which a year ago they called insanity they are now