

## CORRESPONDENCE.

BRIG. GEN. SULLY TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF DAKOTA, }  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, Oct. 22, 1863. }*Col. N. B. Baker, Adjutant General, Iowa:*

SIR:—By a late order from the Department of the Northwest, the sixteen counties in the northwest corner of Iowa are placed in my district. I have just returned from the Upper Missouri, and know very little about the points now occupied by State troops in this section, nor for how long a time they have been called into service. Will you be kind enough, therefore, to give me all the information you can in the matter.

I have many places in Dacotah to garrison this winter, but will still have left at this place some three or four companies of cavalry. I expect them here in about a week. At least two or three companies can be placed on duty at points already occupied by State troops, if necessary. But I think it would be better, if possible, to keep the State troops at these points this winter, as they are better acquainted with the country and are already located.

I will send one of my aids up there to-morrow to visit these posts, and will myself visit the line as soon as I can settle up unfinished business here.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

ALF. SULLY, Brigadier General.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO GENERAL SULLY.

STATE OF IOWA, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
DAVENPORT, October 29, 1863. }

GENERAL:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 22d inst., and reply that we now have in service only one company for the northern border.

With the exception of this company, the Northern Border Brigade, for the protection of the northern border, has been disbanded.

The headquarters of that company is at Estherville, and it is scattered in squads over a line of nearly 160 miles.

In my opinion one company of your cavalry would be amply sufficient to supply the place of the State company. It certainly would not require over two of your companies.

The State seriously objects to keeping State troops longer at these posts, and for good reasons. If they are not immediately relieved, every day's delay will increase the labor and difficulty of relieving the State company, as the inclement season soon sets in.

We have maintained at State expense five companies on the northern frontier, and can neither obtain credit for the men nor allowance for cash expended, while other states that have raised men for local or temporary purposes have received credit for the men, simply because they were mustered into the United States service. As far as the general government was

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