

sioner sent from Iowa to take votes at 8 Oc A M I reported my troops to the Provo Martial at Court house in vicksburg & was ordered to hold myself in readiness to take my troops on the Steamer Spread Eagle at 1 Oc P M & report them to the Commanders as follows 23 of the men I report at Natchez & 125 at New Orleans & several at Grand Gulf & 6 at Port Hudson after securing transportation ration &c I viewed for a time the strong hold of vicksburg & went into some of their underground shelters from our Iron hale & onto the top of the Court house which gives a commanding view of the City I visited some of the fortifications & saw some of the effects of the siege; at 1 Oc P M went aboard & at 2 Oc we started for N Orleans

October 15. At day light we left Natchez & glided nicely along passing the mouth of Red river & 9 miles below is Morganza & farther on is Bayou Sara part of which is in ruins on the flat next the river on the bluffs back I could not see any destruction at 4 Oc we landed at Port Hudson it has high abrupt banks in front with a broken surface above, about sunset we landed at Baton Rouge, the Capital of Louisiana, we laid their about two hours, & Col Dungan²⁷ & I walked up to the hospital & to the varanda hotell & to the central & back it is a pleasant seeming place the male population mostly gone in the rebble army

October 16. Clear & pleasant except a heavy fog early in the morning, We stoped at Donaldsonville about day break & was there a short time, & at 1 Oc P M we landed at Carrollton about 5 miles above N Orleans, there is a large camp of soldiers there & I left a few of my men there with Lieut Col Dungan 34 Iowa At 3 Oc P M we landed at the City & I marched my men to the Provo Office it was closed, then to Genl Banks head Qrs they ware closed & I at last got my men to the Soldiers home just fitting up by Ephriam Nute Jr Gov. Agent western Sty Commission & formerly Chaplain of the 1st Kansas I saw my old friend Lieut Col Kent of the 19 Iowa in the citty this P M Miss Louisa Merits of Quincy Ill arived this A M as Matron of the Soldiers home here New Orleans

²⁷Warren S. Dungan, member Iowa Senate, 1862; lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry, 1862-65; member of Iowa House of Representatives, 1880-83; member Iowa Senate again, 1888-91; lieutenant-governor of Iowa, 1894-96.

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