

Frankfort, May 30. 1840.

Col. H. Clay Jr.

Dear Sir:

I am requested by Gov. Cawley to convey to you a commission as Lt. Colonel of 3rd Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. Whilst the Governor has sincere pleasure in having it in his power to do you this service, it is attended with feelings of regret that it is not of greater magnitude (and) more worthy of your high reputation (and) undoubted qualifications.

But he feels assured that no station will be regarded by you as too low which shall afford you an opportunity of serving your Country faithfully (and) making for yourself a name independent of what you receive by illustrious lineage. The annals of Kentucky Heroism have laid out a task for you - or rather, have prepared a standard for the measure of your deeds.

With a full conviction that in your