Camp Drake June 13. 1863.

C. Goddard
Lt Col 7 A.A.G.

Sir

I have the honor to tender this, my resignation as Captain Co. A. 5th Regt Kentucky Vol Infty.; My reasons for so doing are few and simple: I am Captain without even one half of a command; my Company is the smallest in my regiment; the total aggregate being only forty two (42) enlisted men, with but twenty six (26) present for duty, and if there is any probability of the number present being increased, during the War, I do not know it - for most all of the absentees are either so badly wounded or diseased as to prevent them from performing active duty in the field again - I have two Lieutenants present for duty, each of whom are, at least, fully as competent to take command of, and manage the affairs of a company as I am; and knowing such to be the fact, I cannot conscientiously continue in my present position; besides I know of other fields of labour in which, I can make myself more useful

for the benefit of the service - Kentucky, my native State is now raising additional troops to help put down this accursed re-bellion and if this should be accepted it is my intention to reenter her service in some capacity; no matter whether, better or worse than my present position I shall be satisfied; for I am now as I have always been, and ever expect to be, a true Union man, who entered the service two years ago because of my principles and not for gain; and I am conscientiously opposed to holding ~~to holding~~ a position like the one, I now occupy, where I cannot be of any benefit to my Country - In compliance with orders from Department H Quarters I have the honor of stating, that I have never been absent without leave; that I have no charges against me; that I am not indebted to the United States; Was last paid by Maj Wilson to include April 30. 1863 -

Respt Sir, Your, Obdt Servt,
Thos Foreman
Capt Co A 5th Ky Inf