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To his Excellency Thomas H. Watts -

Dear Sir -

St. J. P. Mackenzie having received  
authority from St. Col. St. Leger  
to raise a company of youths  
between 16 & 18 years of age for  
Provt duty, and approved by  
Your Excellency has impowered  
me to join him and recruit for said  
company. Therefore I write you  
requesting you to let me know if the  
young men who join me, will  
be enlisted after they arrive at the  
age of 18. They all wish to know  
before joining me and the success  
of my recruiting successfully depends  
upon that, and will they receive the  
bounty, the same as a soldier in  
the service does. I can get  
a good number of youths

if they knew, that they could remain  
with me, in the present duty -  
Also please let me know if there  
is not a chance of our being  
stationed in Monterey as there  
are only one company of the  
kind there and three in  
Selma -

By answering these few  
queries you will much oblige  
Your most Obedt. Servt  
Cecil D. Whitman

C. D. Whitman  
July 10/62

Ans'd 12th, For  
Genl. Sigsbee to  
be allowed, Can  
Order for the war  
to Genl. Withers  
See Adjutant's of  
this morning