

From J.B. Henderson to R.T. Van Horn

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Washington City

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Dear Col.

Yours of 1st inst recd. The despatch was from me. We had been organizing new territories & inasmuch as Stanton had positively refused to authorize you to raise a brigade and knowing you were fancy free, it suggested itself to

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my mind that I might Mr[.] Lincoln to give me an appointment in the Territories. If so you could take it. I must confess that I have almost despaired of getting anything done in the way of patronage here this winter. It requires a degree of subservience that I hate. If Lincoln consents to appoint, some secretary interferes and he caves. I should have written you but I have been confined by sickness. If I can get you a good appointment, I will get it. If it be worth nothing in position or compensation, I shall

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not take it. I shall write you soon. Success to you for Mayor.

Your friend

J.B. Henderson