

Head Quarters A N Va.

Jan 12th 1863

Brig Gen Howell Cobb

Comndg District Mid Florida

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Your letter of the 5th inst. was handed to me to-day by Lt. Col. Glenn (?). In the frequent conversations which I held with Gen. T. R. Cobb, with reference to his Legion, he expressed an earnest desire to have the Infantry, & Cavalry increased, each, to a regiment, the Infantry requiring three more companies and the Cavalry requiring one more. I promised that when troops were needed in Georgia, I would give the preference to the Regiment from that state in this Army, and especially to his Legion, as that would aid him in his plans with regard to the increase of each arm of that body. This transfer would of course depend upon whether we could spare them from this Army.

At present, I cannot say when they can be spared, or when the Campaign will close in this quarter. If a regiment of infantry could be sent here from Georgia to take the place of the Legion I would gladly send the Infantry portion of it, home, in order to complete its organization. If this cannot now be done, I must beg you to use your influence to obtain the additional companies desired, one for Cavalry, and three for the Infantry, so that the wishes of your lamented brother may be carried out, and the efficiency of the organization which bears his name much promoted.

I Have the honour to be

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

R E Lee

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