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**ADJUTANT GENERAL ROGER JONES
LETTER, 28 MAY 1846**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roger Jones (1789–1852) was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia and served in both the Marine Corps and the Army during the War of 1812. He became Adjutant General of the U. S. Army in 1825 and continued in that position until his death in 1852. Jones has the distinction of holding that position for the longest period of time.

John E. Wool (1784–1869) was born in Newburgh, New York. He joined the Army during the War of 1812. He was promoted to colonel and was made inspector general of the army in 1816. Wool was promoted to brigadier general in 1841. With the outbreak of the Mexican War in 1846 he was sent to Cincinnati to organize and train volunteers from Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, and Mississippi. Wool was highly successful in training the volunteers for battle and they played a major role in the Battle of Buena Vista. He continued to serve in the Army until his death in 1863.

Sources:

Wool biography: *Dictionary of American Biography*

Jones biography: Fredricksen, John C. *American Military Leaders From Colonial Times to the Present*. google books <http://books.google.com>. Accessed 21 December 2012.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a signed document by Roger Jones, Adjutant General of the U. S. Army in Washington, D.C. to Brigadier General John E. Wool authorizing him to take command of mustering in and training volunteers from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi to fight in the Mexican War, 28 May 1846. The document goes into detail regarding the supplies, organization, and training of the force as well as its expectations for participation in the war with Mexico. The item is a signed copy of the original and was delivered to the Governor of Ohio, 2 June 1846.

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