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JOHN HANSON FARQUHAR CIVIL WAR LETTER, 11 APRIL 1863

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In 1861 John Hanson Farquhar signed a document supporting the Union following the Battle of Fort Sumter. Farquhar was appointed Captain of the 19th Indiana Infantry on 14 May 1861 and stationed at state headquarters in Indianapolis, where he served as a recruiting and dispersing officer. In 1863 Captain Farquhar was appointed Brigadier General of the State Militia and he traveled to Evansville to protect the southern Indiana boarder against Confederate forces. In July of that year Farquhar and his men responded to Morgan's invasion of Indiana. Later in 1863, General Farquhar received a commission to investigate riots in Brown County. Near the close of the war, Farquhar greeted the returning 9th, 10th, and 153rd Cavalry with a speech on the grounds of the Indiana State House. He resigned his commission on 9 August 1864. Farquhar went on to become a U.S. Congressman from Indiana from 1865–66.

Sources:

Adjutant General's Office. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*. Vol 1 and 3. Indianapolis: A. H. Connor [etc.] State Printer, 1865–69. General and Reference Collection: E506.2.I39 T4 1865

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one letter dated 11 April 1863 from Captain John Hanson Farquhar to his wife Fannie. The letter is written on stationery with the letterhead "Head Quarters Military Commander, Indianapolis , Indiana." Farquhar was the captain of the 19th Indiana Infantry and stationed in Indianapolis. In this letter, he writes that General J.S. Simonson, USA Mustering and Disbursing Officer, is sick and has been out of the office. Farquhar also writes that a man named Herman has come to visit him, to his great surprise and pleasure. The letter also discusses Colonel Bonford and his trip to Washington D.C. In addition, Farquhar tells his wife that there is a new favorite boarding house that his men enjoy staying in because it is very close to the capitol. He promises Fannie that he will try to get leave to visit her soon if Bonford and Simonson will approve it.

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