

Headquarters Army of the United States,

Washington, D. C., Feb 26 1877

Rt. Revd. Bishop Whipple,

Farmville Minn -

Revd Sir.

I fear my long letter
of yesterday may have exhausted
your patience, so I will make
this short - By the Revd Gen
that Lt Col. M. Lancaster 3rd Arty
was detailed to the Bishop Seabury
Mission July 18. 1873 - for three
years - On the expiration of
his term, it was extended one

Yours out of personal respect
for you.

There is not a shadow of
doubt, that he should resume
his Military duties at the end
of this Academic year - say
July 15. 1877. This would be
my decision, but the President
can reverse my decision.

I advise you through Lt
Lancaster to open a Correspondence
with General 1st Lt
of Artillery and agree on
some one to take his place
during your absence.

You may call his attention
to the fact that there are 300
officers on the Retired List, some
of whom are qualified, and if
selected & prove acceptable
may remain all their lives.
Whereas young active officers
must be changed at least
every three years.

Which gratifies at your high
appreciation of St. Lancaster I
trust you will find a worthy
successor. His case is not
exceptional, for we find the
same preference in other

Colleges. Several of which have
for like reasons urged the Contin-
uance of present incumbents -

With great respect

Yr friend & servant -

W. L. Sherman

General -



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