Head Quarters Nauvoo Legion

Adjutant General's Office

G. S. L. City October 25th 1853.

Sir

Yours of the 15th is to hand.

The Return received is not in form. When your district was organized, a Battalion of Cavalry was organized, and you were elected Major [General?] The Infantry companies are considered the same and the Senior Captain commands until a Major be elected. In your appointment of an Adjutant, select a man who can make out returns, the best business man and clerk among your Lieutenants and refer him to me to be instructed in making out returns. His business is to attend to these matters.

As to Captains Brown and Casper, it is easier and better way for you to get along with them, is to talk with them and advise them to resign. You may in so doing use the recommendation of Genl. Wells and myself. The tediousness of a General Court Martial if possible to be avoided; though it will not be <done> to the detriment of discipline. Until this can be effected, you have the power to arrest the Captains and putting the 1st Lieutenants in command.

Respectfully yours,

Major E. Kelsey James Ferguson

Comdr. Dist. Adjutant General