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discharged all the claims that Company A, had incurred. The total amount drawn for the above named men, was seven hundred and ten dollars, (\$710).

provisions. The Barracks were the best the citizens of Charlotte could furnish us, and we also state that Capt. Long and his officers gave their whole attention to the Company except when they were indisposed.

company while camped here, more than one-half of the men had, from time to time, been placed upon the sick list; and five are now lying dangerously ill with pneumonia.

I can, without affectation, declare that I regret the disgrace thrown upon Company A. Every member has been shaded by it, whether they deserve it or not—the undeserving, the undeserving, all have to share alike in the disgrace.

It purports to be signed by a number of the privates of the company. This certificate asserts that neither the Captain nor any of his Officers gave permission to any man to leave, and that the Company had plenty of good provisions and the best barracks the citizens could afford.

Company A, Rowan Volunteers. Captain Long's Defence. From the Carolina Watchman. SALISBURY, February 8, 1847.

This certificate, I apprehend, entirely removes from me every imputation of having appropriated any portion of the public funds to myself, as has been charged in various irresponsible rumors, and in one instance, in the public prints.

I am induced to believe these reports originated from the deserters as an excuse for their conduct—conduct which certainly admits of no palliation. Having shown that no culpability attaches to me in this affair, it may not be improper to enquire into the causes which produced dissatisfaction in the first instance, and ultimately, total disorganization.

I am, very respectfully, your obt. servant, RICHARD W. LONG, Capt. Comp. "A," N. C. Vol. Lieut. S. L. FREMONT, Mustering Officer.

In reviewing the causes that have produced this effect, I shall use plain language, and call things by their right names; and, if offence is given to anyone, it is not intended. Yet, I feel myself responsible for anything I may write or say, upon this or any other subject.

On returning to Salisbury, I was informed by several gentlemen of the highest respectability that Capt. Long had written, while at Charlotte, to some of his friends in Salisbury for advice as to the manner for him to get out of the "strangle."

It is generally known that a Volunteer company was raised and organized in Salisbury on the 23d day of June last, over which I had the honor of being elected Captain. The requisition, in obedience to which it was formed, only required the men to serve twelve months.

January 21st, 1847. I do certify that the above accounts are correct. T. W. WALLS. So that it appears from the above, instead of having paid out \$33 87, I have paid \$46 00; a portion of which had to be taken from my own private resources, or rather from money I was compelled to borrow.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Raleigh, Dec. 21st, 1846. To Capt. RICHARD W. LONG, Commanding the Company A, of North Carolina Volunteers.

Sir—I am much gratified, to receive information, of the completion of your company, and have instructed the Adjutant General to issue orders to you, to march immediately to Wilmington.

Company A, was ordered by the Governor first to Wilmington and then to Charlotte; and the order required the Company to be at Charlotte by the 5th of January. This order required a great deal of despatch on the part of the Company Officers, and after great exertions, the Company was brought up to Charlotte on the 6th.

The Captain assigns the want of supplies one of the grand reasons for the men's leaving; that they must either starve or leave. Now what are the facts? At the time of the men's leaving there was a plenty of provisions on hand to last several days. In fact, it supported those who did not leave some time. Over and above this, there was \$225 still due company A, that was not drawn, which would have supported the company at least a fortnight; and further, the State was undoubtedly bound for the support of the company.

After considerable exertions both of myself and officers, having nearly completed the necessary preparations to commence the march to Wilmington, on the 23rd of December, I received orders to rendezvous at Charlotte by the 5th of January.

W. W. ELMS, Major, 10.00. Davidson & Spratts, 14.30. Mr. Coleman's, 3.00. Paid Serg't Kingsbury to return horse and carry all, 1.00. \$46 00.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Raleigh, Dec. 26, 1846. To Capt. RICHARD W. LONG, Commanding the Company A, of the N. C. Volunteers.

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that in obedience to instructions from the War Department I have just reached this place and am ready to muster into the service of the United States companies of the Regiment of Volunteer Infantry called from this State by His Excellency the Governor.

The maximum of some men of ancient times "to rule or ruin." I fear has not been entirely unpracticed by an Officer in Company A. I understand that one of them said that he would never march to Mexico in his present grade, for he was too small to look well on the ground!

It will now touch the money matters, and see how things stand in regard to this subject. Capt. Long says that \$710 was all the money he drew for company A. Is this true, or is it false? I shall be able to prove the negative. It is not true.

They were reconnoitred upon the pledge of His Excellency, Gov. Graham, contained in a letter, dated Jan. 2, and received after my arrival at Charlotte, that an officer would be there in a few days, [see letter D] to muster them into service, and comply with the requisition.

G. W. CALDWELL, C. J. FOX, W. W. ELMS, Wm. DAVIDSON, H. C. OWENS, J. C. CALDWELL. Jan. 30, 1847. We, the undersigned, privates of Company A, commanded by Rich. W. Long, do certify that we never have at any time heard Capt. Long, or any of his Officers, give their consent or permission to any member of said Company to leave the Barracks; and we further state that Capt. Long, in public speeches to his men, solicited them to remain in Barracks, and under no consideration whatever to leave without they were honorably discharged, and with these orders we have remained with him up to this date; and we also state, at no one time since we arrived at our Barracks in Charlotte, have we been without a plenty of good

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Raleigh, Jan. 2d, 1847. Dear Sir—As there has been some change in the orders recently issued to you, in consequence of letters received from the Officers of the United States, I hasten to advise you, that I am gratified to learn that you have marched for Charlotte.

Letter from Lieut. Richards. For the North Carolina Standard. MR. EDITOR: To-day has been the first time which I have been able to lay hands upon Capt. Long's defence; and, having read it carefully, I present the following review of the same, which I must say has been composed with feelings of sorrow rather than anger.

The next certificate is a stronger document in deed. It purports to be signed by a number of the privates of the company. This certificate asserts that neither the Captain nor any of his Officers gave permission to any man to leave, and that the Company had plenty of good provisions and the best barracks the citizens could afford.

When finding the gross injustice practiced upon the non-commissioned officers and men; when seeing the men shivering with cold upon stumps and straw, with very little covering through the long chilly nights of January, then turning my eyes to a comfortable well furnished room one mile off,