Arlington 20 April 1861

My dear Cousin Roger

I only rec'd to day your letter of the 17th. Sympathizing with you in the troubles that are pressing so heavily upon our beloved Country, I entirely agree with you in your notions of allegiance &c. I have been unable to make up my mind to raise my hand against my native State, my relatives, my children & my home. I have therefore resigned my Commission in the Army & never desire again to draw my sword save in defence of my State. I consider it useless

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FREEMEN!

OF

TENNESSEE!

The Yankee War is now being waged for "beauty and booty." They have driven us from them, and now say OUR TRADE they must and will have. To excite their hired and ruffian soldiers, they promise them our lands, and tell them our women are beautiful---that beauty is the reward of the brave.

Tennesseans! your country calls! Shall we wait until our homes are laid desolate; until sword and rape shall have visited them? NEVER! Then

TO ARMS!

and let us meet the enemy on the borders. Who so vile, so craven, as not to strike for his native land?

The undersigned propose to immediately raise an infantry company to be offered to the Governor as part of the defense of the State and of the Confederate States All those who desire to join with us in serving our common country, will report themselves immediately.

J. B. Murray.
H. C. Witt.

May 17th, 1861.

Neal & Roberts, Printers, Morristown, Tenn.

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FOURTH REGIMENT
NEW HAMPSHIRE

VOLUNTEERS.

The subscribers having been appointed Recruiting Officers, will open a Recruiting Office at

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Where they will enlist all who would like to rally around the OLD STARS AND STRIPES, the emblem of America's Freedom.

$10 BOUNTY WILL BE ALLOWED!

Regular Army pay and Rations to commence on taking the oath.

Lieut. J. M. CLOUGH,
Sergt. W. B. ROWE.

Sept. 1861.

Fogg, Hadley & Co., Printers, Concord.

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War Department,

May 30, 1861.

Sir:

Your action in respect to the negroes who came within your lines from the service of the rebels, is approved.

The Department is sensible of the embarassment which must surround officers conducting military operations in a State by the laws of which Slavery is sanctioned. The Government cannot recognise the rejection by any State of its Federal obligations, nor can it refuse the performance of the Federal obligations resting upon itself. Among these Federal obligations, however, no one can be more important than that of suppressing and dispersing armed combinations, formed for the purpose of overthrowing its whole Constitutional authority.

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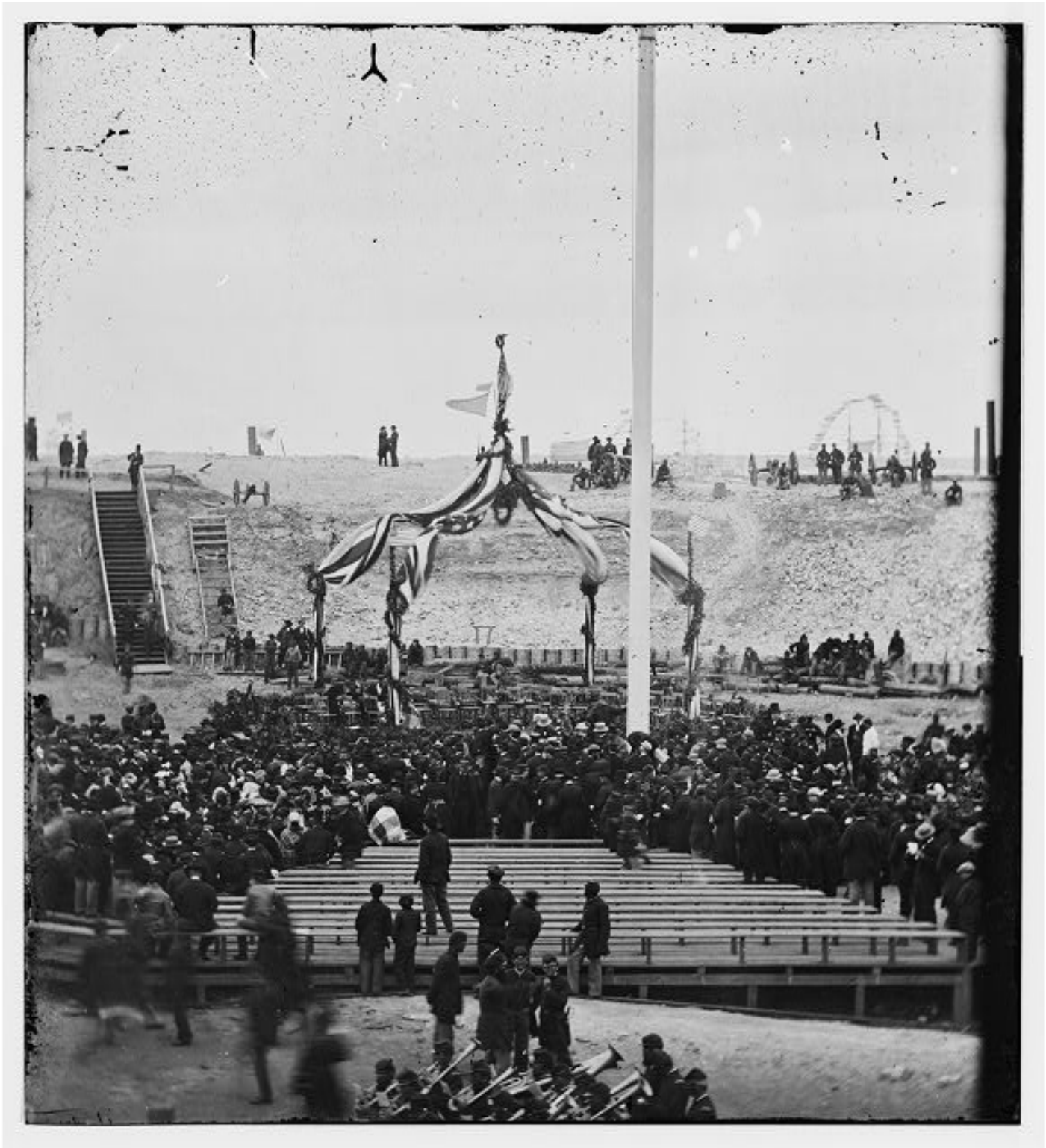

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