

J. d. G. W.

Red House

Sept 25 1862

Genl

I received ^{to day} an order from Genl Jenkins to move this force to Buffalo. I am unwilling to move without your consent. In obedience to your instructions I came to this point, inspected the river, & reported to Jenkins that I would support him in case of necessity. His order does not say that he is threatened, in fact, I learn from persons just from his camp that there is no danger. My understanding (of your instructions to me) is to remain here & support him if needed & at the same time to occupy & hold this place & try & obstruct the river.

If he intends to use my command as a scouting party & have it to do the duty of his Cavalry, I am unwilling to do it, but

if it is your wish that I should go to Buffalo & hold or defend that, leaving this place unoccupied, I will do it at once. I do think it would not be safe to move from here, without having another command sent here to replace the one leaving.

If ^{it is} your intention for me to obstruct the river at this point (which I think practicable) I cannot do it if I am move first from one place & then to another. The boats, cable & axes I mention in my communication a few days since, are necessary before I can commence work.

I have referred this matter to you for instructions, as I deem it of vital importance.

Respect

Geo. W. Heunshen
Col J J

P. S.

Mrs Shaw the wife
of the (Pierpont Sheriff) of
this county has applied
to me for a pass to move
off to Ohio. Her husband
is a Northern Methodist
Preacher & has gone to Ohio
& does not intend to return.
I submit the matter to
you, in accordance to your
orders, & suggest that she be
allowed to go.

J. Kerfoot
Pro. W. C. C. C.
Cal & C.

From
Col Geo M. Causland

Sept 25. 61

Shall I go to Buffalo
under Genl Jenkins' order?

Mrs Shaw wants to go
to Ohio.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on the right page, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]