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Oct 10th 1864

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the appointment of Capt. Jas. W. Ferrell for the appointment of a Lieutenant Quarter Master for the 1st Regiment of Cavalry and Dragoons.

I was appointed to fill the vacant position of Quarter Master for the 1st Regiment of Cavalry and Dragoons, and I have the honor to inform you that his name has not appeared on the list of appointments which was not acted on by the Senate. The accompanying letter marked A is referred to as an explanation. Capt. Ferrell's services are the more important on account of his intimate acquaintance with the troops composing it, particularly the Indians with whom he has resided as the Agent of the old government many years prior to the separation. He is most of them personally, speaks their language and understands their wants and how to supply them; much better than any one could do without these advantages.

Wm. A. Thomas
Col. Thomas Legin