

Respectfully,

Gideon Welles

In Lincoln's Cabinet

Navy Department
October 28, 1861

Sir,

A Board, of which you are appointed Judge Advocate, is ordered to convene at the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, N.Y. on Wednesday the 6th day of November, 1861, for the purpose of investigating, and reporting on, such cases as may be referred to it under the 16th and 17th sections of the "Act providing for the better organization of the military establishment," approved August 3, 1861.

Should you accept this appointment, you will appear at the time and place appointed and report yourself to the President of the Board (Col. Thos. Harris, of the Marine Corps).

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your obt. servt.
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