

Quartermaster's Office,  
Gardner's Ferry, July 18. 1839.

Colonel,

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. I received this morning. I am sorry that my request, under date of June 20, cannot be complied with. The public interest and my own position imperiously require that I should have relief to some extent. If I were merely charged with the duties of this depot, they would be enough, but having a supervision of a part of Florida, in addition, (without the power however to visit a single post,) something must be left undone which ought to be done. I stay apart, because I have not been charged, by any order, with the chief direction of the operations of the department, in Florida, since Col. Croft has, relieved I was, so before he was, applied to that duty, and, in the absence of orders to that end, I have refrained, as far as I could, from exercising any general direction, supposing, if it had been the intention of the department, that I should be chief in any more extended district of country than that immediately dependent upon this depot, I would have been advised of it. Seeing no prospect of being relieved, although nearly worn down with duty, and he-  
living, from the tenor of several of your letters to me,

that there is expected of me, than simply per-  
forming the duties of quartermaster at this depot.  
I deem it proper to say, that, should the Barr's  
Stile depot be broken up, as it will be, probably,  
I shall not hesitate to order Captain Long-  
kiss, of garrison, to this place, to receive the garrison  
stores, if not the ~~stores~~, of the depot. It is  
possible he has orders to which mine would  
conflict.

Very Respectfully,  
Yr. Obedt. Servt.  
Wm. H. Hunt.  
Maj. Q. M. Master.

To,  
Col. H. Stanton  
by D. M. Gore,  
Washington City