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My Dear Alfred

I write this in haste as I must go to bed [illegible] in order to be up at sunrise tomorrow - In coming up here I stopped at the point & spent Sunday. There I saw Keyes - Dr Wright who is now stationed there Jones - Clark, McClellan, Baker & several other men with buttons on their coats all of whom axed after you - Maury was away - Jones told me that your regiment was ordered to Begon & the 2d infantry to California and as I understand forthwith - What Gen. Smith was to do I did not learn, though the general impression is that he goes out as Governor also - ~~[illegible]~~ I trust in that case you may belong to his family and that your birth may be a comfortable one but in any case I suppose you would choose to go with your regiment, ~~even if~~ and moreover suppose there would be no help for it - But hoping that some indulgence might be granted in your case I have written to Gen Wetmore asking him if proper