



STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Trenton, December 18, 1894.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 14. }

I. The Court of Inquiry of which Brigadier General Bird W. Spencer, Inspector General of Rifle Practice, is President, appointed by Special Orders No. 6, April 16, 1894, and Special Orders No. 11, May 28, 1894, from this office, for the purpose of inquiring into certain statements made by retired officers of the First Brigade, National Guard, regarding the official action of Major General Joseph W. Plume in the re-organization of the First Brigade, and the circumstances attending the disbandment of Companies G, H, I, K and L, Fourth Regiment, National Guard, together with such statements of unmilitary conduct toward the officers of said companies as may properly be made the subject-matter of investigation by said Court, has reported as follows:

"That General Orders No. 7, May 21, 1892, and General Orders No. 9, June 8, 1892, issued by Major General Joseph W. Plume, providing for the re-organization of the First Brigade, National Guard, were issued by General Plume in pursuance of the orders by him received from the Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard of the State of New Jersey;

"That the action of Major General Joseph W. Plume, in disbanding Companies G, H, I, K and L, Fourth Regiment, First Brigade, National Guard, was taken after the Colonel commanding the said Fourth Regiment had officially reported that said companies were in a state of mutiny, and requested that said companies be disbanded. This request of the Colonel commanding said regiment

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was approved by the Brigadier General commanding the First Brigade;

"That Major General Joseph W. Plume, by Special Orders No. 4, June 10, 1892, did order an election to be held for field officers of the First Regiment, National Guard, and detailed an officer of the National Guard to hold such election. This order was issued by General Plume, owing to the fact that, at the time of the issuance of said order, the First Brigade was without a permanent commander;

"That Major General Joseph W. Plume has not been guilty of unmilitary conduct toward the officers and men of Companies G, H, I, K and L, Fourth Regiment, National Guard;

"That Major General Joseph W. Plume, by all his actions in connection with the subject of this inquiry, has shown himself to be an officer eminently well qualified for the command he now holds."

II. The foregoing report of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Major General Joseph W. Plume is approved.

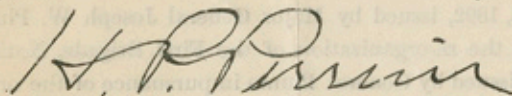
III. The Court of Inquiry of which General Bird W. Spencer is President is hereby dissolved.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

WILLIAM S. STRYKER.

Official:

Adjutant General.



Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICE OF

Gen. O. O. HOWARD,

H. S. HOWARD.

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