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ADDRESS

TO THE

TROOPS OF HINDMAN'S DIVISION.

HEADQUARTERS HINDMAN'S DIVISION; }
Little Rock, March 4, 1863. }

COMRADES:—I this day relinquish command over you, and will soon leave this department

I applied to be relieved and ordered elsewhere. This was not because of any dissatisfaction with you. No commander was ever more sincerely attached to his officers and men. You have deserved that attachment. It will live in my heart as long as that heart shall beat.

Nor was the application based on the belief that your feelings were unkind towards me, personally or officially.— I have never sought your good will, except by the honest discharge of my duty. The consciousness of that has made me feel myself entitled to your friendship and confidence; and there has been nothing heretofore to justify a doubt that they were fully given me. If there had been, the memory of it would be effaced by your spontaneous and unbought manifestations of affection at this time of our parting.

Saying what I have thus said, you will be satisfied if I refrain from all allusion to the true causes of my departure. Perhaps there will be a time when they may be considered, and then honest men and patriots will do me justice. I am content to wait.

Comrades, my heart is too full to say more. May God bless you, and enable you always to serve your country worthily.

T. C. HINDMAN,
Major General.

Official: R. C. NEWTON, A. A. Gen'l.

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