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Louisville Kentucky

June 9th 1815

Sir

I have this moment had an opportunity of looking over the Army register of the 17th ultimo with the accompanying orders, by which I observed that I have been retained in service on the peac establishment as a Captain, If I had received my appointment, or had been promoted over the heads of other officers for writing long letters to the Gov^t denouncing Generals who had failed to execute the orders or wishes of the Executive with an ~~ever~~ idea that my testimony was necessary to convict them, it might then be supposed that I was contemptible enough to remain in service with said rank, But as that is not the case and as I have served seven years for my present grade & constantly on the frontiers since the commencement of the late war where the officers under whose command I served & those I commanded as well as the Citizens

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= ber of Congress or otherwise have ever been solici-
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and must consider my being retained as
only adding insult to injury

Yours. H

D Parker Esqr

J Taylor

Louisville June 9 1815

Major G. Taylor
Capt. J. G. Cook

Relative to his being returned
as a Captain —
Declined

The enclosed is a true copy of
the original

document relative to the same

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Adjutant & Inspector General

Washington
City

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

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Your &c

Z. Taylor

D Parker Esqr

Addressed to: Adjutant & Inspector General

Washington

City

Docketted: Louisville

June 9, 1815

Major Z. Taylor.

Cap. 7. Inf

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Ad. 23 June, 1815.