

Buffalo, Oct. 14th 1854.

General:

I have the honor to report that having leave of absence from Colonel Abercrombie for the purpose of arranging some business prior to my departure for Texas, I arrived in this city on Oct. 14th. My Post Office address is still Fort Columbus N. Y. - There are in charge of the Medical Purveys at New York, Surgeon Satterlee, two cases of instruments originally intended for and I believe styled Field Cases. They contain saw, trocar, catheters &c. with scalpels, instruments sufficient for any ordinary operation - They have been for some years in the store room of the Department. Surgeon Satterlee informs me that they differ from those ordinarily issued but that with your permission, there can be no impropriety in my taking one of them - I have to request that I may be allowed to take charge of one of them in lieu of such instruments as it will enable me to dispense with. It is my wish if I obtain your permission to retain permanent possession of the case and I will hold myself responsible at any time for the perfect condition of both it and its contents.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

D. L. Brigadier General Th. Lawson, Jr. Oct. Ser.

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