

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Francis P. Blair Sr. to Abraham Lincoln, [November 1862]

My Dear Sir

I have just seen Mr Stanton who says, that the fragments of Regiments on which Frank¹ has some claim to & which he has set his heart on consolidating & leading to the field, ought might thus be rendered useful, but that Genl Halleck will not interfere — considering it a matter for Genl Curtis to dispose of— Now, as you have authorized Franks movement down the River, may I not beg you to drop a line to Genl Curtis desiring him to comply with Frank's wishes on this subject, if not inconsistent with some indispensable object, to which he would devote the remnant of force, Frank begs—²

1 Francis P. Blair Jr.

2 Lincoln telegraphed General Samuel R. Curtis on November 30, 1862 and requested that Frank Blair be allowed to take the regiments with him down the Mississippi River. See *Collected Works*, V, 517 and Curtis to Lincoln, December 1, 1862.

Yr friend

F P. Blair