Port Richmond Staten Island.
Sept 15th 1899

James W.Eldridge Esq

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Sir;

Your letter of June 20th, has just reached me through being mislaid. I have been very ill for the past year, owing to a scroke of paralysis, which has left me much enfeebled.

In answer to your inquiry I would respectfully inform you that prior to my promotion as Brigadier Ceneral, I was Colonel of the 154th N.Y. Volunteers.

I trust this information will be satisfactory, and with apoligies for delay, I am

Wery truly yours

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