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New York 48 Wall St!

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General Lorenzo Thomas

Dear Sir Enclosed I send  
you letters from Gen. Hitchcock, Mr. Charles  
Bracy, Mr. Frederick Bracy and Mr. Edward  
H. Tracy. I wish to procure a position in  
one of the regiments of colored troops of which  
you have the organization. My military  
experience is confined to two campaigns with  
the "Seventh Regiment" as a private, and the  
constant and admirable drill to which the  
members are subjected when in New York.  
I have considerable knowledge of camp and  
guard duty and of detached portions of Tactics.  
By a few weeks earnest study I can master  
the three schools of Soldier, Company and  
Battalion. His practical application will  
be less difficult than if I had <sup>had</sup> no actual  
experience. In the rest I have entire faith  
in the capacity of the colored races not only  
for fighting but also for the duties and  
responsibilities of civil life, if they have

only a fair chance for elevation

In this I believe that strict military discipline and a civilized method of employing them as soldiers will be of great avail. To such a plan I am anxious to devote my time and efforts, always remembering that the cause to which all others are subservient is the Unity and perpetuity of the Republic. Of course I am anxious to procure as good a position as may seem expedient, and as my best employ whatever capacity I may possess.

I have been advised to send these letters to you instead of waiting upon you personally as you are constantly moving from one place to another. If you have any position for me and will notify me, I will make my preparations immediately to report at the place designated for a personal interview or otherwise. The Rev. Dr. Syng, who is at present out of town has promised me a letter for you. I can also procure letters from the Colonel of my regiment and my Company officers if you desire them. I

should like until the middle of November to close up my business with my law partners clients and others. But this shall not interfere if it should be well for me to leave forthwith

Respectfully Yours  
(Signed) Simeon H. Miller