

LETTER FROM LIEUT.-GENERAL EARLY.

HAVANA, December 15, 1865.—To the Editor of the New York News.—Having seen it stated in several papers published in the United States that I am an applicant for pardon, I desire to say through your columns, that there is no truth whatever in this statement. I have neither made nor authorized such application, and would not accept a pardon from the President of the United States if gratuitously tendered me without conditions or restrictions of any kind. I have nothing to regret in the course pursued by me during the war, except that my services were not of more avail to the cause for which I fought; and my faith in the justice of that cause is not at all shaken by the result.

At the battle of Winchester, or Opequan, as it is called by General Grant, my effective strength was about eight thousand five hundred (8500) muskets, the three battalions of artillery, and less than three thousand (3000) cavalry. Sheridan's infantry consisted of the 6th, 10th, and Cook's Corps, composed of one division of the 8th Corps and what was called the "Army of West Virginia." Some idea may be formed of the strength of the 19th Corps when it is recalled that the Army of the Potomac was composed of three corps on the 1st of May previous, to wit:—The 2d, 5th, and 6th, and that its effective strength then was, according to Mr. Stanton's statement, 120,386. The same statement shows that the available strength of the forces in the "Department of West Virginia" on the 1st of May was 30,782, and most of the troops in this department were concentrated in the valley. Documents subsequently captured show the strength of the 19th Corps to have been, at the battle of Winchester, not less than 12,000 effective men.

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of which it may be safely assumed that at least forty thousand men were sent to the front by General Grant says that, when I approached Washington, the garrisons of that place and Baltimore "were made up of heavy artillery regiments, hundred days' men, and detachments from the Invalid Corps," and, hence, it became necessary to send troops from his army to meet me. Thus, therefore, made an army of over 180,000 men which General Lee's army had to meet, before, as I will show, it had received any reinforcements whatever. This estimate does not include the reinforcements received in the way of recruits from voluntary enlistments and the draft, which was eternally going on, nor does it include reinforcements from the Northern Department and the Departments of the East and the West, where there were, as shown, by Mr. Stanton's showing, 15,344 available men for duty, the greater part of whom, it is presumed, were sent to Grant, or, otherwise, they might have been brought to Washington to meet my force with more ease than troops from his army.

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