

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 78.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, September 16, 1861.

I.--All persons having received authority from the War Department to raise volunteer regiments, batteries, or companies in the loyal States, are, with their commands, hereby placed under the orders of the Governors of those States, to whom they will immediately report the present condition of their respective organizations. These troops will be organized, or reorganized, and prepared for service by the Governors of their respective States in the manner they may judge most advantageous for the interests of the General Government.

II.--Volunteer officers who have complied or may hereafter comply with the conditions of their respective acceptances from the War Department, and who have not received commissions from the President of the United States, will be commissioned by the Governors of the respective States by furnishing the regiments, batteries, or independent companies to which these officers are attached.

III.--The Governors of the several States may, at any time during the organization of a volunteer regiment, authorize the Adjutant, Quartermaster, and, when absolutely necessary, the Medical Officers thereof to be mustered into service, to aid in recruiting the regiment and for the prompt transaction of all other public business. All other officers will be mustered into the service as directed in General Orders No. 61, current series, from this office.

BY ORDER:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.