Sandy Point Texas Jany 28th 1864

Capt Rice

Dear Sir
Enclosed you will find
your Commission to rase a Company for my
Regiment, which I hope you will proceed to do
at once. You will report to me your success
in a week or so from this. I think you can
get some men from Ladd Byne, who has a
part of a Company of Cadets at Arcola, you
might form a junction with him and give him
a Lieutenancy in the Co. that would enable
you to get up your Company more rapidly.

I will be dilligent, and hope success will crown my efforts in this enterprise &c -

Yours Truly F.J.M Richardson Col. &ct