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Gen. Geo. W. Cullum to Bishop C. P. McIlvaine

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 11, 1861

My dear Bishop,

I have read with the deepest interest your very interesting and instructive letter of the 3rd inst;. I immediately sent it to Gen. McClellan not being able to find him at his quarters. He read it, his aide informs me, and I hope will apply the _____ instructions, he being familiar with the localities and the strategy of the campaign in Western Virginia. General _____ has done what he could to reenforce Rosecrans, but, by order of the higher powers, the troops have been diverted to Fremont.

From the last telegram we have from Rosecrans I do hope we may have effected a junction with Cox before the communications of the latter were cut by the rebels. From these sources near your letter I learn that Cox's command is entirely demoralized.

Things are _____ here. This _____ must seem right or _____. Not a regiment can be spared for you from here. Help must go to you from the West, at the expense of Fremont's _____ movements if _____.

I will do all I can, but that is little. I have not been able to show your note to Gov. Chase, who may have power to influence the administration to support the two bills _____ of Northern Virginia.

I write amid great confusion and in much haste and must now stop, being _____ away.

Thanking you for your kind and valuable note, I remain

Ever yours most truly,

Geo. W. Cullum
Col. & A.D.C.

Bishop C. P. McIlvaine
Cincinnati
Ohio

NOTES: George Washington Cullum (1809-1892) then a Colonel, later a General had been a Cadet, instructor at West Point and historian. In the fall of 1861 he was on Gen. Halleck's staff. From July 17th, 1861 to Feb 1, 1862 the bishop's son-in-law, George Washington DuBois was the Chaplain of the 11th Ohio with the rank of Captain. He served under Gen. Cox sometimes sharing blankets with him. See more in DuBois notes and letters and in McIlvaine's. DuBois was in the thick of fighting. McIlvaine was worried about his safety and that of West Virginia and Ohio.