

Washington, D. C., Jan'y 23, 1885.

Rev H. Lyman

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th instant is received and I wish you and your wife joy in your new relation.

There is no section in the "Insurrection act" that will permit you to commute, neither can you purchase with a "Bounty land" warrant. All you can do is to lay a "Soldier's Additional" or go ahead with your improvements.

This, however, is only my view, as ~~no~~ nothing more definite can be obtained; it being impossible to get an expression from the Commissioner prior to the question being ^{and irregularly} legally presented to him on review, then he will be governed by the opinions of his legal advisers and his own judgment on the peculiar circumstances of attending each case.

George

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