Head Quarters, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Kanawha D. Fayetteville, Va. February 4th 1863

Sir,

I have the honor to say that I know William Flannagan to be a "good Union Man" and that his application for authority to raise a company if granted will be of great service to the state and in protecting Union men in this part of the state.

While writing this endorsement, I would say that there is quite a number of Union men at and near this post who are willing to fight if only the state authorities would give them the proper encouragement and I have no doubt but 200 men could be induced to enter the service – if only such men as William Richman of Raleigh Co. was authorized to organize the state forces &c.

I am Sir Very respectfully Jas. A. Anderson Capt. & Provost Marshall Fayetteville Va.