

Manfield Ohio  
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My dear Sir

I am very anxious to  
render any service to the Govt  
in any power prior to the meeting  
of Congress -

From Sandusky I telegraph  
ed. to you this desire in hopes  
I might be made serviceable  
in the staff of some Genl Office  
or some position consistent with  
any slender knowledge of military  
duties and with any official duties  
as a Member -

I wish no pay or emolument  
and still hope you may assign  
me some such position as I indicate  
If you do it I will obey your orders  
if you do not I will go to Phila or  
Washington -

I much fear a great

disaster at the Capitol repairs  
we are prepared to meet it

Yours Truly  
John Sherman

Gov Dennison -