

# THE CITADEL

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Col. A. Coward,  
Citadel.

Dear Colonel,

I have just read with much regret the account in the News and Courier of the affair at the Citadel. I suppose, of course, that the full facts are not yet published.

I just write as an old cadet and as one interested in the Citadel to express my hope that the affair will be settled for the best interests of the boys and the Citadel. It seems to me from the account in the News & C. that there is but one thing to do and that is to

discharge every man of the muti-  
neers. This action I think would  
meet with general approval  
among those most interested in the  
Citadel. Of course, I do not offer  
this as advice or even as a  
suggestion, but I have the  
opportunity of hearing expressions  
of opinion as to the Citadel from  
people in different sections of the  
state, and I sorely wanted to  
express for my part the confi-  
dence we have in your ability  
to act in the matter. It would  
help rather than hurt the Citadel to  
stand firm in the matter, not  
give an inch. You would not, but  
some members of the Board might wish  
to compromise rather than run the risk of  
making enemies

Very truly yours  
W. S. Miesler