

Adjutant General's Office

Portland July 12. 1820

Sir,

Yours of the 11 instant was received last evening with the frank stricken out at this Post Office and postage charged. I called this morning on the Post-master and explained to him your views, in connection with the opinions of the Post-master of Bath: Mr. Isley declines permitting any papers passing between the Commander in Chief and this department free of postage.

I have transmitted to you by the two last mails under cover to Major Sewall, to whom Mr. Isley permits me to frank during the vacancy of a Brigadier General. -

I feel much gratified at your suggestion in relation to the paper upon which our Commissions are executed; and shall avail myself of it: economy is the only apology which I can offer. -

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The solicitude which you feel for my department, will I trust furnish an apology for the daily drafts I am making upon your time. Be assured that I shall consider it the most friendly service you can render me to speak timely, freely, and explicitly, upon all subjects touching the duties of my office.

We have no blank Commissions for Aids de Camp; therefore forward one made out to Charles Quincy Clapp Esquire for your signature. You will doubtless recollect that you directed me to issue an order announcing the appointment of Thomas D. Robinson and George Thatcher Junior Esquires, which I immediately passed down to the Major Generals; and presuming the commissions had been delivered I directed the order to be inserted in the last Argus.

Gen. McCobb has appointed William R Webb his Aid de Camp in place of Major Robinson, & his Commission has been forwarded. *your letter.*

Enclosed

Enclosed is a letter to Gen. Herrick; the case it embraces is too plain to trouble you with the details. If however you wish me in all cases to transmit you the details, you will retain the letter and direct me accordingly; otherwise be pleased to seal and pass it into the Post office.

I have the honor to be, Sir

very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Sam. Cone

P.S. Your Port Bill has been attended to agreeably to your request.

S. C.

William King, Esquire,

Governor and Commander in Chief.

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