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Head Quarters, Harpers Ferry
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To His Excellency.
Israel Washburn
Governor of Maine
Augusta. Me

Honored Sir

I respectfully call your attention to the recent changes in the 10th Regiment of Volunteers from your State.

Captain George W. West, late Captain of Company D in that Regiment has been promoted Major, by your Command, in the 14th Regiment, now forming in Maine.

1st Lieutenant John S. Beardsley Co D 10th Regt, I hear is quite ill, and I am informed does not desire the Command of said Company, for reason of a want of Confidence in his Competency; and I understand moreover that Captain West proposed to your excellency the name of Edward Brackett 1st Sergeant Co D, for the Captaincy of Company D.

I beg leave to state here, that Mr Brackett is an accomplished and honorable gentleman and fully, is he competent to fill that position and should your Excellency deem proper

to appoint said Brackett he will prove himself an honor to the Regiment to the service and the State. Mr Brackett ~~simply~~ desires the rank of but a simple Lieutent. the rank of a gentleman.

I there fore respectfully apply to your excellency for the Captains of Company D 10th Maine Regt now vacant by the Promotion of Capt Geo W. West.

I have no great ambition for high Military Office, more than I can attain by honorable merit, or more than that which I am entitled to by the regular routine of succession in promotions in Companies or Regiments to a vacancy.

My being detached on Special duty at a different post, I contend, does not, or should not exempt me from holding my proper position or the promotion to which I am entitled by a vacancy in a higher position, which may occur in my own Company - Your Excellency has on file some highly recommendatory papers in my favor from Col. Geo O'Brien and others of High Military position of Mass^{ts} and should any other person under me in my Company be promoted to the Capt of my Company - I should deem it an

slight, an injustice, and a discredit to my known standing in regard to my competency in military circles and would tend to injure me to a great extent.

I therefore, beg your Excellency, under the circumstances to consider my application favorably and that you will deem proper to issue my Commission as Captain of Company D 1st Maine from the date of Capt Wests acceptance of his promotion.

Should your Excellency honor me to a field Officers position for which I have previously applied - I would then respectfully recommend that Sergt Edward Brackett receive his Commission as Capt of Co D, and if you should honor me with the latter position that Mr Brackett be either 1st or 2nd Lieut.

I remain your
Excellencys Most Obedt

Henry M. Binney
1st Lieut Co D 1st Maine
Ag Aide de Camp
F. Col. D. S. Miles U. S. A
Commandant Post

at this time in the same station as before, I think
we are in a position to take the Regiment out from
the overland route as the route to the west
~~is not~~ is in a position to take the route to the west
hither. The bank of duty with regard to
myself, is what I feel I am capable of
performing. I am confident that I am
capable of doing any duty that may be
assigned to me.

Promotion

It must be evident to all that the
high military offices, which I hope to
obtain in time, will be a great honor to
me and to my country. I am confident that
I am capable of doing any duty that may
be assigned to me. I am confident that I
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assigned to me.

Genl. B. B. Smith,
10th Regt.

As I have been engaged in the study of
the principles of military tactics, I have
been enabled to acquire a thorough
knowledge of the same. I am confident
that I am capable of doing any duty
that may be assigned to me. I am
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