Head Quarters 3rd Brigade
1st Div. 5th Corps.
Army Potomac
Auburn Oct. 28th 1863

To His Excellency

G. Robinson
Governor of Maine
Governor,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst. in reference to the promotion of officers in Company "K" of the 20th Reg.

We have been on the point of recommending St. Nobles once or twice for the captaincy of that company, but an unfortunate occurrence growing out of drinking intoxicating liquor beyond...
each time interrupted the recommendations of the vacancy has been left unheeded that Mr. Nichols would overcome his habit to such a degree that he could consistently be promoted. Mr. Nichols is a brave and energetic officer, and these good qualities have made us more lenient with him than we should otherwise have been. I gave him a strong recommendation for Cavalry service in the belief that a new sphere of duty might give him a better opportunity to reform, and with the conviction that his peculiarity of dash and fearlessness fitted him for that arm of the service.

St. Col. Gilmore now says the 20th day he is not prepared at present to recommend St.
Nichols or St. Fuller for promotion. If they prove themselves fit in the post they are referred to, they will be recommended at the earliest moment.

I think there will be some other changes suggested before long.

Dr. Shaw is giving the best of satisfaction. Few surgeons within my observation have been so faithful or have won the general good will of the Brigade, as the degree he has.

I trust it may be convenient to you without embarrassment to promote him.

I do not expect to be able to resume command of the Regiment for a long time at least — but I never lose sight of its interests and sincerely desire its ranks so honorably thinned may be
filled as soon as possible.

I am leaving a careful sketch of the history of the Regt. prepared for the convenience of Genl. Anderson in the preparations of his report.

I am

very respectfully,

your obd. servt.

F. Chamberlain
Col. 28th U.S. Inf. 1863