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1861-06-18 Adjutant General Hodsdon requests Dr. W.A. Banks return his commission immediately

John L. Hodsdon

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HEAD QUARTERS.

Adjutant General’s Office,

opm. a.

Doh. Banks, Augusta, June 18th, 1861.

The commissioning

of yourself as Surgeon of the 3d Regiment

was by is, wholly unauthorized & void, the
Governor having never approved you, nor
untill a few moments since, being aware that
such commission had issued.

I was led into this error, from

seeing your uniform and being told by

you that you had been before the Sen-

ior Bboard appointed by the Governor,

I passed a Satisfactory examination & they

are fully aware that you, in your own

person, are the Surgeon. I now inform me, in the Governor’s
presence, that such was not the fact,

the most favorable position they can

accept you, will be that of assistant

Surgeon. If it was this information which

the Governor required, prior to furthering

the issue of any commission of the

conclusion of those gentlemen in this mat-

ter, he is not at liberty to disregard.
The Commission was signed in blank and its issue was withheld until this morning.

I am now directed by Governor Washburn, in order to avoid the necessity of publishing an order revoking the appointment, to require the immediate return of this commission. Upon receipt thereof, one of assistants, Surgeon, will be forwarded you.
P. Ost. W. C. Banks
Requesting returns of
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June 18. 1761