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1861-06-18 Adjutant General Hodsdon requests Dr. Hopkins return his commission immediately

John L. Hodsdon
State of Maine.
HEAD QUARTERS.
Adjutant General’s Office,
Augusta, June 15, 1861

Mr. Hopkins, 

Dear Sir,

There has been no appointment of Assistant Surgeon of 4th Regiment by the Governor. The commission issued you was signed in blank, neither he nor myself were aware of its existence until this evening. The error was committed by the clerk in charge of the blank commissions, if I am unable to recognize how he could have made such a mistake. He is out of town if I am left without an explanation.

The Governor was awaiting the report of the Examining Board.
of Surgeons upon candidates qualifications. In authority to make these appointments.
In this report, which excludes you, is but this moment received.
The commission is made void upon the Records of this office. It will serve the necessity of publish-lishing the fact of its being a nullity of the circumstances of its issue, if you will forthwith return it to me.

Upon examination of the cases which have come under my observation in...
Sir, Hopkins Assistant
Surgeon is appointed
June 1st