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H. Alexander Mar. 31/63

Dear Sir:

When Col. Chaplin returned from the State of Maine he informed me that you had arranged with him in regard to the appointments in this regiment of several 1st Lt. to Captancies which were vacant. I think there are three companies viz: A, F. & G. and the appointees of the two first ~~were~~ have been designated viz. Major State & Hershey but for some reason or other the third has not transpired. The 1st Lt. T. C. Howes ^{of Co. G.} I understand was the party to have the promotion just the same as the above Major State & Hershey. It has been so understood here by all from Col.

Chaplin down.

I apprehend the reason
of the appointment not being
made may be only an over-
sight in the Adjt. Genl's office.
If it is I presume you will
see that it is forwarded.

We have trouble in getting
promoted officers mastered
where the promotion is de-
layed and if Lt. Howes
has been agreed upon as the
best to secure the pro-
motion it is due to yourself
as well as him that the
Adjt. Genl. hasten the mat-
ter. Please inform me how it is.

I know Howes personally. He
possesses a good character & has
the ability necessary to perform
the duties of a Captain. In
fact he has done these

duty ever since the regiment
has been organized.

The regiment is doing well. We
consider the Colonel an excellent of-
ficer prompt faithful & brave.
I frequently take the occasion to
say the regiment has a true friend
in Gov. Coburn.

We could not but regret the
inability of the Legislature to
arrange some plan to allow
no vote. Gov. Coburn by
such a plan privilege would get
nearly every soldier's vote.

I am very truly

Your obt. Servt

Charles Hamlin

Hon Abner Coburn
Augusta Maine.

Major Nambin's,

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about promotions in Co. G. 1st U. S. A.