

Oroon April 28. 1863

Dear General,

I write you because
I learn the Gen.^l is absent.
Capt Atwell - than whom there
is not a better officer in
the service - desires to be Major
of the Heavy Art'y. There
are many strong reasons why
Atwell should be appointed. He
is capable - left a paying busi-
ness to serve his country - got up
men when nobody else could -
has recently suffered by a pocket

amount of some thousands of dollars - &
besides, this town which has more
than filled its quota, has not, &
has never had, a field officer.

I know of no town that has furnished
two thirds as many soldiers, that
has never had a field officer.

When the Gov. returns, please speak
to him on this subject. You may
show him this letter.

I learn that Maj. Hamlin will
probably receive promotion elsewhere.

When the 3^d Maj. comes to be
appointed, Capt. Sabine's time
will come, if he satisfies the Gov., or
doubtless, he can.

Yours truly,

Washington

Adj. Genl. H. D. D.

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Washburn. Israel jr

Recommends. Capt Atwell
1st Regt Arty. for promotion

Gov Washburn,

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Rec^d Capt Atwell for Major 1st Reg^t