

9-4-1861

**1861-09-05 Colonel Berry writes Governor Washburn regarding  
vacancies**

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Head Quarters 4<sup>th</sup> Maine Reg

Near Alex Vir Sept 5 1861

Sir

Yours of 31 aug came duly to hand this morning. In answer I would say that all resignations in my Command have been forwarded in all cases through the Brigade commander that have been accepted at War Department & an official notice issued on me of such acceptance before I have in any case presumed to file by direction the Bureau — If you wish me to obtain the necessary papers to establish the fact, I will do so, although it will put me to trouble & it has not been exacted in previous cases —

Cel Marshall is now at Baltimore inspecting 7<sup>th</sup> Maine preparatory to receiving an answer. Should he conclude to take the place of Cel which you so kindly offered him, I can truly say the Regiment will be fortunate indeed, as the Cel will make a most excellent Commander, I shall miss him much — Should I stay in Command of my Reg — but the Country will in time have a most valuable & reliable Officer —

Your Obedt Servt

Non serval week been by  
Governor Maine  
(at Augusta)

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