

My recommendations -
If Berry resigns - Maj. Nickerson - Colonel
taking his recommendations for Lt. Col & Major -
of the 4th Maine -

2^d The Prentiss or Gilman if possible - if not
Maj. Staple, for Colonel. Tucker will then
most probably resign. Heselton or Heath
should be Lt. Col & Sampson of 12th Maine
Major -

Either Heselton or Heath would be like
leaving in the 5th Me. in any capacity.

Capt. Burr will make a good Major
but I think him where he ought to be.

Col. Tucker is indistructious, but I think
unfit to command. He does not master the
troops.

Col. Marshall is an excellent man & I am glad
he has gone to the 7th. I like the appearance
of Col. Knowlton. - Our things by the 7th except the
rifles & the socks have not yet arrived -

my wife O.O.H.

