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Camp Fessenden  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> '61

Hon Lt M. Morrill

Sir

By the  
appointment of Col. Howard to a  
Brigadenship a vacancy will soon  
occur in this regiment, and I believe  
there are some in other regiments.  
Also I learn new regiments are  
being raised for which it is difficult  
to find field officers of any experience.  
I am satisfied that it would not be  
an injury to the good cause in which  
we are engaged, you could honorably  
present my name to the Governor  
for such a position. You would  
confer a favor on me by doing so  
at your earliest convenience.

I do not desire to press myself into  
such a position. As I did not  
through ambition enter the military

life, I am willing to serve my  
state and country in its darkest  
hour in the position I now occupy;  
still I regard it as no way dishonorable  
to desire a position of greater influence,  
which I trust I can faithfully fill.  
But upon this point my Commander,  
Col. Howard can better speak.  
Leaving it with you to act as  
you think the best interest of our  
country demands, I subscribe myself  
Yours for the preservation of  
our glorious Union

Frank S. Besseletine  
Capt Co "G" 3<sup>rd</sup> Me<sup>o</sup> Reg.

Hon A W Merrill  
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