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1862-09-25 A. Small asks that his application for promotion be filed away as Col. Wildes is restored to his command

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General

A few days since I was much grieved to learn that Col. Coit's resignation, which had been forwarded under peculiar circumstances, had been accepted - nevertheless, like all "aspiring young men" I at once made application for a new position, in case the first was promoted - Will you be kind enough to "file" the application, as a proper & just appreciation of the Col's position has evoked so much of Special Order "no 24" as accepts his resignation & he is restored to his command - Thank God for that! The whole command rejoice & more than ever appreciate the man that is willing to sacrifice himself for

The sake of this Regiment. That
 you may better understand this
 allow me to state that the Col's
 resignation was forwarded with a
 memorial, to effect a change in the
 order placing us in a position, which
 in case of action, could only result
 in disaster to the Regiment. The
 Col's comm was fully approved by
 the Officers who on the day following
 forwarded a "Protest".

You would better understand our posi-
 -tion could you know the details -

We have never had a Battalion drill
 & not half the Regiment can load
 a Musket properly.

We are ready to discharge our
 duty to our Country in whatever
 direction we are called to go as
 we know that duty.

Excuse my trespass on your time

I Believe me, dear Sir,

Very Truly yours

J. H. Gordon
 a. s. Major

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 at 16th Me