

Camp, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery,
Fort Sumner, Md. Nov. 7. 1863.

(Best name, old place)

Friend Holden:

Some months since Col. Chaplin called my attention to the convenience of having some one in our regiment with what of magisterial powers can be exercised here; and I believe I told him that I would ask for a commission that would clothe me therewith.

To-day I have been called upon to exercise such powers, and having in reply to disqualify myself, I write to request you, as soon as practicable, to procure for me the requisite commission.

Beside the commission back among soldiers, is the older form of a commissioner in another state. If on looking at the statutes, the latter seems needful in addition to the former, I would like one for Maryland, and if practicable in one commission for D.C. & Virginia, if not for all the border & rebellious states.

Yours very truly Thomas W. Tallant,

Sgt. Col. 1st Me. H. Art.

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