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Hon. J. Washburn

Governor of Maine

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The high Soldierly Character Sustained by Capt. Charles V. Gilmore deservesly entitles him to be promoted to as high a position at least as that of a Commander of a Regt.

If meritorious good conduct, and bravery in the field is ever to be rewarded by promotions - then Capt. Gilmore should be promoted -

It is not a little discouraging to Meritorious officers and Soldiers who have won a good reputation and distinction upon the field of battle, to see civilians who have done nothing, and who know nothing about military discipline appointed to places high in rank, and they favored by unobscured -

Again a ^{new} regiment officers through out by experienced officers will acquire more

efficiency in ~~one~~ ^{one} month than a new
regiment officers not new and inexperi-
-enced officers can acquire in six months
Therefore besides the injustice to those officers
and men who have won their experience
upon hard fought fields, much is lost
to the state by the appointment of in-
-experienced officers. The regiments now
being raised are wanted for immediate
duty - Gen. McClellan is waiting upon
the banks of the James River and before
Richmond the Rebel Capital for the men
to give him an army sufficient to
cope with the Rebel army and to raise
the glorious old banner over that Rebel
Capital - And if possible men should
be sent him under the command
of experienced officers, so that they
may be made effective immediately -
and the promotion of such officers
as Capt. Getman to the commands of
the new regiments now being or-
-ganized, and the promotion of men
who have had experience ^{to command} ~~to command~~

officers would greatly facilitate the
work and sooner enable the Army of
the Potomac to capture the Rebel Capital.
Again Capt. Gibmores would ^{on} ~~as~~ such
but he cannot well do the duty of Capt
of a Company, but on the one side
will, he could well perform the
duties of a Regimental officer -
With these considerations well weighed
I trust will at once be of sufficient
inducement as to have you to promote
-~~the~~ Capt. Gibmore to a Regimental officer.

Hoping for the success of our
army and its speedy overthrow of
this wicked Rebellion -

I subscribe myself

Yours Truly

A. S. Simpson