

Camp Howard, Va. Oct 9th 1861.

Head Qrs. 3rd Maine Regiment.

John L. Gordon, Adj. Gen.
State of Maine }

Sir: —

When I arrived at the encampment of my Regiment, I was informed that a vacancy existed in Co D, for 2nd Lieut. — Since, I find that I was wrongfully informed, and Lieut. Alfred J. Merrill has been, merely detailed, to act in that capacity, no further action is necessary on your part.

I have the honor to be —

Yours Respectfully,

Henry G. Staples
Comd'g 3rd Me Regt.

Dear Sir

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