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Sir

I wrote You some days ago in which I gave names of persons to be commissioned to various places in this Regiment - I presume that owing to the press of business in Your department at this time the making out of the commissions have been overlooked. Will You have them forwarded at once. You are aware that Officers are naturally suspicious about these matters & sometimes distrustful of improper influences - Col Childs will tell You if my selection of Major is a proper one or not. I speak of this as another is anxious for the place - I must have around me men of settled principles & steady habits - none others are fit for Officers in active service & in face of an enemy - none can know the material of this Regt better than myself & rest assured Sir I would not deceive You in this or any other matter -

Respect Your Servant

Hon & Washington  
Gen. Me.

W H Burry 4<sup>th</sup> Me

P.S. My kind regards to Col H - when  
will the ~~skelton~~ Regt be formed in Maine;  
skelton