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Camp Knox July 4th 1862

Sir

We obtained from Ordnance Department -
The new Austrian Rifle Musket for the 1st Regiment
a few days since & returned it
that being the arms we had. The Rifles
you furnished us are at the Arsenal at
Washington & I have no doubt but you
can readily obtain them if you wish -
These guns we now have are light & although
not as good in my opinion - as those you furnished
us with - in fact are lighter and more satisfac-
tory to the Regiment as the men are now all
armed alike - I will endeavour to make
all right with Mr. Stans when he arrives -
Have ^{you} sent me the commissions I sent about
some weeks since - They were to fill vacancies oc-
casioned by my officers being prisoners. The persons
for whom the commissions are intended have been
forming the duties for months & without the pay.
I am extremely anxious they may be com-
missioned before next pay day - or before an advance
takes place -

Truly Yours Servt

Hon & Washburn &
Gov. Me

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