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"Camp Knott," March 12th 1862

Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst came duly to hand. In reply allow me to say, that until your late Telegram, I was not aware of an obstacle in the way of my permanent commission. Newspaper intelligence had deceived me, noticing in several papers, an item stating that Dr. Hunkins had resigned. I readily supposed it to be the fact. Furthermore it has been my misfortune not to receive the pertinent item of information which your letter assures me, you have repeatedly sent. My first knowledge of the special & friendly interest you have taken in my behalf, in soliciting authority from the War Dept. was also for the first time conveyed to me in the same letter. Had I known these facts, my request for a commission, or a release from further duty, would have been either withheld, or essentially modified. Ignorance of these facts must be my apology, which I trust you will deem sufficient for the request I now wish to make - namely - If the relations of Dr. Hunkins to the 4th Ill. Reg. Foll^d should permit it, at some future day, I may then be put in the Commissioned position, in expectation of which I have lately served -

On the receipt of this I presume you will
have received a note stating, that I required
my commission with the 4th Ills. Inf. on or about
the 5th inst -

With this short statement of my
position, & previous to receipt of yours, allow
me to close, I am

Very Respectfully,
Joseph C. Carr