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Sir

Your favours of 4th 5th & 7th inst^l came in by last evening mail. I had the report that Doct Can has resigned his position as Temporary Surgeon & his resignation has been accepted by The War Department. The Medical department immediately ordered a Surgeon to report here at once to act with the Reg^t as Assistant-Surgeon - that is the way the thing stands at present time, I would recommend however that our own State furnish the men for the Medical department of its several Regiments, as well as other Officers, believing we have as good material as can be had from any section - Doct Can has indeed acted in a singular manner. He was content to leave duties active duties were about to commence & then for some reason has resigned & at a time when a change is very disagreeable - I should think you would be disgusted with mankind almost, from the manner many have acted in my Regiment at least. I have received an appointment by the President, but the appointment is not yet confirmed - I shall go with my Regiment

which leaves to-day by transport - report say
for Fort Mifflin. I feel it my duty to go
I share its joys & sorrows alike, until I am
confirmed & assigned to my new command.
The Vice Presdt. has kindly volunteered to look
after my interest in Washington which relieves
me from any care in that direction, & makes
me free to go with the Regiment -

I have tried to do my duty as
Col. of the 4th and have succeeded in sele-
cting the Regiment at the Head of the list
of Volunteer Regiments at War Department,
but - my dear Sir - I could not have done it
had I not had Your earnest support in
all my trials - You have commiserated
on my recommendation in every case
where it could be done, & a better organ-
ized Regiment is not to be found in the
Army of the Potomac - Many thanks will
be given to you as second to none -
God Bless the Old State -

You ask me for my views
relative to future organization of the 4th. I had a
difficulty in proposing any one going out as I
am about to do. But as I hope to have it in my
Brigade - I still have an interest as great as ever
in its future organization - I would recom-
mend the present Major or Edijah Walker for

Col - Lorenzo S. Larson for Lieut Col. &
Cadwin^m Smith for Major - (Col. Haller
having assigned a vacancy there exists in
the Lieut Col. ^{for Captain}) 1st Lieut Thomas B. Givron
Capt Co D. 2^o Lieut Chas. L. Stoddard to be
1st Lieut do. ^{1st Serjt} Cadwin Libby to be 2^o Lieut do
Capt Carvers new com. & also Thom for co to the
date & take rank from - March 1st - I recom-
mend 2^o Lieut Levi B. Bish to be 1st Lieut Co K
via Kelly assigned, & 1st Serjt Lamine H. Adams to be
2^o Lieut via Bish promoted - to take the promotion
in Co K to take rank & date from March 1st also - there
will be some changes in Co G but I will leave
them for future recommendation as I may take one
from its Officers on my staff - With many thanks for your
kindness to me through all my trials I am in respectful
Honor & respect to all your friends
Your Obedt Servt H. B. King

Col. H. G. Berry

4th Regt.

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