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**1862-03-14 Charles L. Strickland requests promotion to Captain
instead of Harris**

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Genl Washburn Jr.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed I send you a request that one of the Sergeants of my Comp^y handed me today - It contains the signatures of every member of the Comp^y present save the Capt. - he is now acting as Lt. Col. & has been recommended for the appoint^{mt} -

I did not ask him to sign it but in conversation with him a day or two ago he told me he thought the Captaincy belonged to me - I have talked with nearly all the line officers of the Regt & they tell me the same - I have not mentioned it to Genl Perry but as he & Lt. Mass are particular friends I imagine he will recommend him for the Captaincy but have had no such information - Genl is entirely ignorant of military tactics & every member of the Company is opposed to his appoint^{mt} as Capt & inferior of mine. Since the battle of Bull Run I have been acting as 1st Lieut & a large portion of the time have been in command of the Comp^y - I think the Captaincy belongs to me and I most respectfully ^{ask} to be appointed -

The Army of the Potomac is in full pursuit of the Rebels now on the Extreme left and consequently are in the rear. The division was ordered this P.M. to be ready to march at sunrise tomorrow morning. To forward we go to join Genl Burnside. There are a great number of transports at Washington & Alexandria -

The accompanying request I did not think of sending you but I recd. a line from Father tonight advising me to do so - Last month for pay I was mustered as Lt. Lieut by order of Genl Heintzelman -

Respectfully, Your Obedt Servt
Chas. L. Strickland