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Head Quarters Me Regt.
Camp Howard
Nov 5th, 1861.

Governor Washburn.

Dear Sir,

I am informed that Lieut Colson of Co C has been commissioned as Captain of said Co. I am very sorry that such is the case. He has been before the board of examination and will without doubt be discharged. William J. Smith of Co B. also presents a commission as Lieut of one of the new regiments of Maine. Neither of these men are competent to perform the duties that will be required of them. Will you please inform me whether or not I am to recommend

the officers to be appointed in
my regiment in future? I
now have an excellent regi-
ment and my desire is to
have none but the best for
officers - There will be several
vacancies as soon as the
board of examination reports
Every change I have made
thus far has been for the
better and I have been hoping
that it might continue.
Capt Garbis was one of the
poorest officers in the regi-
ment and I have been
hoping to fill the vacancy
by recommending a good
man only waiting for the
report of the examining board.
By the advice of Gen Sedgwick.
The late storm has destroyed the
greater part of our tents. They
have all been condemned.

In a day or two we are to
be provided with new ones
of the Libby pattern. The main
tents were too light. The
regiment is in fine condi-
tion - None on the sick list
hoping to hear from you
concerning the future ap-
pointments in the Regt.

I remain,
Yr Obedt Servt,
Henry A. Chapin
Col 3rd Mass Regt

Col. H. G. Staples
Nov. 5
