

Namphaen Vi March 26th 1862

Sir

I received my Commission as Brig Gen. Vol
to take rank & date from 17th inst. Yesterday I turned
over the command of the Regiment to Major Washen
who now acts as Lt. Col. Cannon as Lieut Col. & Capt
Smith as Major. The Regiment is in fine condition both
as regards arms & discipline. The men are well and
happy. They are well satisfied with those I have placed
over them as Field Officers. I have no fears but it will
continue to do as well as heretofore. Major Washen is a
most excellent Officer. I have not been assigned
but expect the Brigade lately commanded by Gen.
Richardson consisting of three Michigan & one
New York Reg. in the same division with my old
Regiment. The Maine Troops are in most ex-
cellent condition as a whole. We have ~~the~~ here the
2^d 3^d 4th 5th 6th & 7th all in good order. Maine stands
among the first of States for good troops. They are the
favorites of Gen. Heintzelman.

I shall ever remember your extreme
kindness to me since my arrival in command of
the old 4th & also in favouring me for promotion &c
& shall be pleased to hear from you quite often & if agreeable
to you will advise you from time to time of

my movements & also of all that transpires
concerning the welfare of our Troop. -

We are now massing troops here
preparing to an onward movement - We
hope to clear the country of Vice "very
soon -

Respectfully
Yours
H. G. Berry

Has a Washburn to

Gen. & Major
Augusta, Me

Please send letters to me to Fortrop Maine for
the present - H. G. Berry