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1861-11-12 Colonel Staples writes Governor Washburn about recommended commissions

Henry G. Staples

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Head Qrs 3rd Me Regt
Camp Howard.
Nov 12th 1861.

Governor Washburn.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 5th inst is at hand. I think all the officers I have recommended for commissions have proved themselves efficient. The General Commanding took occasion to mention the fact in the case of Capt Morgan. The morality and discipline of the Regiment will compare favorably with any in the service. The evil of which you speak has always existed to a certain extent. It is impossible to keep liquor from those who are disposed to use it. It is well known that I discountenance every thing of the kind and have ever labored hard to suppress immorality. Of late two or three of the officers have been intoxicated with other officers within the brigade. One of them is to be court martialed to day. The author of a letter to you is a gentleman whom I highly respect. No doubt he was sin-

care and acted from the purest of
motives. yet I think he did wrong in
writing you when he ~~was~~ aware I
was doing all within my power to
correct the evil. I am naturally very
sensitive and feel grieved to think
such a course had been taken. Hoping
you will not have occasion to refer
to the subject again.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obedt Servant
Henry G. Maples.
Col 3rd Michigan Regt.