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**1862-04-14 General Berry updates Governor Washburn on
changes in the regiment**

Hiram Gregory Berry

The interests of the Service & the Service
can hardly be deemed to be best served
by such a line
Head Quarters, ³ Brigade Hamiltons
Major Genl. Sir - Apr 14th 1862

My dear Sir
I received your letter of the 10th inst. & was
glad to hear of your recovery. I am glad to
hear that you are now before York-
town of Revolutionary fame. I trust that if
a battle is fought here & present appear-
ances seem to indicate a hard one - it may be
as decisive to our cause as ever that of
-81- was. Genl. Sumner & Howard are here. The
first is in same Div. with myself & in Henry Je-
mans Corps - The latter is Sumner's. We are
all in good spirits & hope & I may add certain
of victory -

I read the paragraph in your
letter referring to Capt. Lilly & that gentleman &
doubtless you will hear from him soon. I do
not for a moment hesitate to recommend him
to your favourable consideration in connection
with the position spoken of -

In regard to Strickland & Company
Co. My opinion is the Lieut. Glover should be made
Capt & Lieut. Strickland promoted to 1st Lieut.

The interests of the Service & the welfare of that
Country would seem to me to be best served
by such a line of promotion there -

Major Smith will go in
fact is with me as my assistant Adj^{nt}
Gen^l consequently the Major's place in the
Regt is now vacant - I have no hesita-
tion in recommending Capt Pitcher &
the new Co. N of Berwick for that place
He is a man of ability - a good officer
& a very worthy gentleman & I
know of no ~~one~~ ^{one} man deserving more
now in the service ~~any~~ ^{from} Maine -

I ask the favour of an occa-
sional letter from you - provided your duties
will admit of it - & I promise in return
to give you all of interest that
transpires here concerning our State
people - I hope & trust that Maine
will do as well through her sons
now in arms in this cause as any of
her sister States - certainly none more
fervent under -

Respect Your Obedt Serv^t
Hon^{ble} Washburn
J. W. Davis

W. G. Berry

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