

Portland Sept. 10. 1861.

My Dear Sir:

You will allow me to speak
of the 5th Maine.

Lt. Charles D. Small of
Co. D. is a very competent man and
officer, and I say this for an attempt
may be made to constitute another
man Capt. of the Co. which I should
not succeed for Small is the man
for the place.

He has had the chief charge
of the Co. for eight weeks. He is better
fitted for the command than any one
in the Co. if Thompson be promoted.

I have learned that Adj. Whitman
desires the place and for which he
can have no claim or preference.

Very truly

Yours Oth. S. L.

W. H. Dummer

Portland Me.
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Dunnell M. H.

Recommends St. Chas.

H. Small for promotion
to Captain of Co. D. 5th Me. Vol. Inf.

2 enclosures.