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Head Quarters 3^d Me Regt.
Dec^r 5th 1861

To

His Excellency
J. Washburn
Governor of the State of Maine

Sir Capt.

Richmond of the 3^d Maine Regt. informs me that he has seen a letter purporting to be from me to Maj. Hunt of the Artillery now raising in our State asking to be transferred to the Command of a Battery Company. I paid no attention to that information at first, thinking that perhaps he had mistaken the name. But on receiving the same information from another source it has induced me to investigate the matter. I never having written such a letter, nor made any application for the Command of a Battery. I would like to trace the letter to its origin. Should your excellency see no objection to the letter being placed in my possession, I should like to get it. as it might aid me in finding its author, I was very much surprised & mortified

to hear that any one was working in an
underhanded manner with me. As in @ recent
election I received every vote in the Regt.
for Lieut. Colonel,

I strongly suspect an officer who has
recently left the Regt. and who has repeat-
edly urged me to make such an application
with the view of obtaining my assistance
to his own transfer.

I have strong reasons for believing that
letters have been written to the Governor or
other parties of Maine - prejudicial to my
Character or my Military fitness for the posi-
tion to which I have been elected
Should such be the case I respectfully
request an investigation,

I have endeavored to do my whole duty
since I have been in the Regt. and shall
continue to do so to the utmost of my
ability in whatever position I am ex-
pected may see fit to honor me with.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt

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Maj & act Lt Col
Demerely Candy 3^d Me Regt