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Head Quarters 2^d Me. Volunteers

Kells Kill Va. Nov 6. 1861

Hon. S. Washburn Jr

Augusta Me.

Sir

I am this day in
recd. of your esteemed favour of the 2^d inst
informing me that you had done me
the honor to appoint me to the command
of the 7th Regt. Me. Inf. I had already
received an unofficial notice of it
through Mr Plaine.

I feel deeply sensible of the
compliment paid me, and wish to
thank you most sincerely for it,
but my connection with the Second
Regt. thus far has been so agreeable
that I cannot make up my
mind to break it while the Regiment
holds together. I am differently

situated I should not hesitate to
accept the command offered me,
When the Record goes by the
board. (which I trust will not be
soon) if I can make myself
useful to my native state or to our
government in any other ~~way~~ I
shall most certainly be glad to do
so.

Y^r Respectfully Yours
Geo. Varnum
Lt. Col. 2^d Mass. Inf.