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Mon. eve. Sept. 16th

Gov. Warbume,

Dear Sir,

Since writing the
above with reference to Mr. Twitchell,
I have received your kind letter of the
13th & I thank you for the evidence
you give me, that you appreciate
the honesty of my motives in address-
ing you.

You have, ere this, received another
letter, disclosing the sad sequel to
the influences at work, when I
first wrote you. The three officers have
inflicted a wound upon themselves,
which will take a long time to
heal - & one of them, by his
own wrong-doing has severely injured
a Boston officer, who is still in

Camp, but under arrest - The latter
affirms, that Capt. Thompson's steward
came to him, & asked him to go to
Alexandria for the Capt. & bring him back.
He went & found him deplorably drunk &
while with him (for about ten minutes) was
arrested. at the same time with Thompson.
Mr. Thompson had been at Washington
today, & had at that very moment his
discharge in his pocket - he then without
the knowledge of his friend, who was left,
like poor Tray, to suffer for being in bad
company - He is in the Camp, under
arrest, & exposed to the penalties of the
Army Regulations -

But, as this case may be brought before
you in another way, I shall not express
any opinion - further than to say, that he
has some noble qualities - & if brought
under proper influences, will discharge his
duties, I believe, in an honorable way -
He has been at my tent, this afternoon,
& deplors his situation, as the consequence

of "that infamous clique" as he styled
them, who led him on & while re-
joicing that they are gone, avows that
he is glad that Lt. Jackson is here -
& that he is just the man he should
like to serve under -

I did not, when I commenced writing,
intend to make any allusions to this
case - but alluding as I did to the
injury they had brought upon them-
selves, I referred to the sufferings of
another & I had, then, to make some
explanations of this incidental allu-
sion -

Let me tell you, Dear Sir, that
the Regt is made to feel the bene-
fit of the change - Officers & men
both speak of it - If any are ~~too~~
inclined to ^{criticise the matter} ~~speak~~ of the change, it
is to ask, how it can be reconciled with
the "Gen. Order of May 4. No. 15" & the Act
of Congress "approved July 22^d - Sec. 10th" both
of which give prominence to the election of the officers,
& yet the very men, who make these references

am satisfied with the course you have
pursued in the premises, in the affirmance of
Edw. Jackson.

I am inclined to give the name of
Capt. Edward A. Scamman as a suitable per-
son for Lieut. Edw. & Capt. Edward for
Major.

A petition was presented to Ed. Jackson
& through him to be forwarded to yourself -
"recommending Capt. Scamman as a ~~most~~
suitable person for a high position in the
Staff" &c. The position was not specified.
though it was understood to be the highest.

This petition was signed by all the Captains
but three - the one under arrest was not asked -
Capt. Scamman did not sign it - & the third is
in favor, would vote for Capt. S. but would not
petition - This is an expression of the Regi-
mental feeling in favor of Capt. S.

We understand that Gen. Howard has recom-
mended one of his Captains - of the 3^d - The
Gen. I do not think, would apply to the
Regt. to supply vacancies in his own
Regt. But this is a matter of
which I have no right to speak
further than to say, that I have
no doubt that you will do what

your thought is but for the in-
terests of the Regt & for the
good of the Army - Be assured,
Dear Sir, that the day of rebellion
has ceased in this Regt & that
it is the purpose of the offi-
cers to acquiesce in your decision
in all needful appointments -

There are men of good merit, who,
from the first, have been provided
with this Regt. I mentioned to
you the name of Capt. Edward -
this, I did, because he was the
senior Capt. & was entitled to con-
sideration from that fact - but one
of the younger Captains is a man
of mark & will yet distinguish
himself. I refer to Capt. Alkott
of Co. A.

I might mention Messrs. who,

by camping elections, are to
be brought before you for con-
sideration - It would be inadvisable
to mention names - & your de-
cision will be based on information
^{derived} from the legal & customary sources.

As I am required by the
Act, approved July 22. Sec. 9th to
make a Report to the Council under
of the Regt. I may say to you, as
my Governor, that I find a growing
improvement in the moral con-
dition of the Regt. There is less
profaneness than there was at the
first - & less intemperance, owing
to the present discipline of the
Camp - Religious services are well
attended - & the men seem grateful

for the Religious Books, I dis-
tribute among them. I take
pleasure to state as much as this,
while I look upon a still
brighter future - For me, I feel
a deep interest in the men. In
no instance have I received the
just incivility from the men - We
have been courteous & kind - &
my heart felt sympathies have
been drawn out toward them,
in return.

The Hospital is ⁱⁿ admirable order, owing
to the management of Dr. Brichett,
who is highly esteemed by all, who
know him - It is my purpose
to visit the Hospital every day,
I to read & pray with the sick -
& this through the hearty co-opera-
tion of Dr. Brichett -

But I shall weary you with
my long letter -

Let me thank you; again, for
your kind letter - & for the hope you
expressed, that you & Men would yet
"cheer the 5th to the echo".

With great respect, I am.

Very truly,

Your obed^t serv^t -

John R. Adams

Hon. J. Washburne

Gov. of State of Maine

Let me congratulate you, on your
re-election. You would have had
one vote more, if I had been in
Maine - & voted as I did last year.

J. R. A.

Chas. H. Adams
Capt. H.
Sept. 16