

Head Quarters 5th Me Regt
Camp Vernon Va Sept 15th 1861

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

I telegraphed to you on
the 13th inst to have appointed as
Lt Col & Maj^r of this Regiment, Capt
Heath of the 3d & Capt Scammon of
the 5th, wishing you to answer by
telegraph if those nominations met
your approval - I wished for an
early answer because I am all
alone & should have some help im-
mediately - I wish soon to send
you other names for appointment
for there is great chance for improve-
ment in the regiment - everything
so far has been quiet - but will
not probably be continued a great
while - it was expected that
the whole line would be

Col. H. Jackson
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attacked this morning - but
the morning has passed quietly
away - My Quarter Master has
not yet received the stationery which
was forwarded from Augusta or the
rubber Blankets which were sent
from Portland - I found the
Regimental property in miserable
condition - our arms are unfit
for use - I shall try to obtain
better from Government, but if I
do not succeed, I am in hopes
the future progress of the Regt
will be such as to induce you
to procure better arms for us
- I feel that I can already
assure you that we have com-
menced a new & better order of
things

Resp^d Yours
N. S. Jackson
Col Com^d 5th Me Regt