

Camp Vernon, Va.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 161

Gov. Warkburne,

Dear Sir.

I have just seen  
a letter addressed to Major Rorie by  
Gen. Hodges with reference to the  
"Lieutenancy" of Mr. McWett now  
Captain of Co. A. Maine 5<sup>th</sup>  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. was Mr. William Mc-  
will - & the 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. was his Brth.  
a Mr. John Mcwill, who was ap-  
pointed Quartermaster & has acted  
as such - The Co. elected Mr. Mcwill  
Lieut. in place of Mr. John Mcroute  
& he has served as 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. from  
the time we were in Camp Bibb  
till he has taken the entire charge  
of the Co. by the sickness & absence  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Mr. William Mc-  
will, & the subsequent resignation

of Capt Heald. He has, in fact, been  
the sole life of Co. A.

The Co. Clerk will certify to you the  
election of Mr. McKell as Lieut. This  
notice of election, I understand, was  
not forwarded to you, in due form,  
by Major Hamilton, for reasons  
but known to himself - but of the  
election by the Co. There is no doubt.

If the Adj'tant Gen. merely wishes  
to be ~~the~~ informed of the fact - in order  
that he may "place on file" I  
am ready to affix, that implicit  
confidence can be placed in the  
testimony of the Clerk of Co. A.  
whose Certificate of election will  
accompany this note.

Very respectfully,

I am, Yours etc

J. R. Adams  
Captain of Maine 5<sup>th</sup>

Allows me to add, that we  
have daily proofs of the wisdom of  
your decision in the selection of  
Col. Jackson for the command  
of the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Regt has im-  
proved wonderfully already.

The Lieut. Col. is on the ground &  
we are all pleased with him.

The Mail is closing and I would  
add more as to the prospects of  
of the Regt.

Yours etc

J. R. A.