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**1864-04-21 Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Talbot requests  
position as Colonel**

Thomas H. Talbot

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Adj. Gen. 3<sup>d</sup> Batt. 1<sup>st</sup> Maine H. Art.  
Fort Simons, Md. April 21, 1864.

Hon. Samuel Cony,  
Governor of Maine:

Sir:

Seeing it possible that a new regiment of Heavy Artillery may be raised in Maine, under the order of the Secretary of War, announced in to-day's paper, I have the honor in that case respectfully to apply to your excellency to be designated as its colonel, and to submit the following statement in support of this application.

I am now and for some time have been the senior artillery field officer in the U. S. service from Maine under the rank of Colonel.

My commission bears date of July 11, 1862, making me senior to all the Lt. Colts. whom Maine has in the field, with I believe, one exception.

I am the only Maine Lt. Col. who entering the service with that rank, had had no opportunity for promotion in his own regiment; excepting of course those very recently commissioned and sent out.

I am very respectfully your obedt. servt.

Thomas W. Sullo, Lt. Col. 1<sup>st</sup> Me. H. Art.