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1st Maine Heavy Artillery

Adjutant General Correspondence

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**1864-04-23 Captain F.A. Cummings forwards his photograph to  
Adjutant General Hodsdon**

F. A. Cummings

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Head Quarters Co. 16

1<sup>st</sup> Maine H. Art

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

General

Your asking my Photograph is received and here it is the best I can do under the circumstances my military history is brief I was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Co. E. 18<sup>th</sup> Maine August 1<sup>st</sup> 1862; went before Casey's house and was commissioned Capt 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored troops January 18<sup>th</sup> 1864 and declined. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Co. E January 26<sup>th</sup> 1864 and Capt Co. 16 March 17<sup>th</sup> 1864 and here I am. I throw my first vote for Stephen A. and I offer up a daily prayer of thanksgiving that I was not old enough to vote for James Buchanan or else my soul might have had three great sin stones for. I am a firm supporter of the President's proclamation and if anything a little shade darker abolitionist than Wendell Phillips;

Very respectfully your Obedient  
 John L. Hoelien }  
 adjt Gen 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored troops }  
 John H. Cummings Capt 1<sup>st</sup> }  
 Maine Artillery Co. 16 }