

Camp 16th Me. Regt.
Near White Oak Church Va
June 7th 1863
Gov. Corburn
Lt. Col. Dr.

I write you by
request of a young man of Co. A in
this Regt. in regard to a matter which
he wishes me to lay before you. He
has been commissioned by you as a
1st Lt. in his Co. & our Col. is not sat-
isfied with your judgment or decision
in the matter. & report says he (the Col.)
will not sign his "muster in" papers. &
the reason is, I am told, because you
did not commission Maxfield as
recommended by him. Maxfield is the
Adjutant's clerk & Sergt Major; has
never carried a gun or done duty in his
Regt. in any other way except as above
Now - Gov. Corburn. I do not desire

to dictate you or the Col. in your judgment of men in matters of Military, but I say I do coincide with you in your decision in this case - For reason that said Costan is entitled to the position you gave him as he is the orderly Serg't of his Co. & I have yet to learn that there is even one in his Co. that is not satisfied with his promotion & many do feel very much disgusted of Mayroell especially when he has indulged in intoxicating drink to such a degree as to mortify the pride of us who are sober. And really it sometimes seems to me that in the opinion of our superiors in this Regt. it is looked upon as a qualification for promotion - & some officers can indulge to great excess & no notice will be taken of it at Reg't Head Quarters - Costan has been talked with by the Col. to give up the idea

of accepting a commission at all & he has felt so hurt about it on account of the Col.'s representations that at one time he almost decided to have nothing to do with it, but is now ready to go forward & perform his duty according to his best judgment. The Col. has as yet withheld the Commission sent him - Now, Gov. I have made a fair statement to you as far as I know. And although I do not consider myself your favorite I felt that I ought in duty to advise you of this matter. I have even noticed for that past 2 years while in military service, as well as formerly during my position as a Commander in the State Militia, that men do their duty best, when they have commanders that they respect, & of their choice & when promotions are made in order & as in justice & right they belong,

Most all difficulties in Regts first
originate from some error or over-
reaching - or frauds in obtaining
appointments out of the regular
channel. There is at least one
co. in this Regt. that have no
interest in their ready commissand
Let. & they say they never will have

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

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