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Camp Howard Virginia -
Jan'y 20th 1862.

Governor -

I have the honor to address to
you apologies. And I respectfully request
that you pardon the liberty I take in
writing them. but in justice to myself and
others I deem it my duty to do so -

On the 7th of Sept. last. you commissioned
me as 2^d Lieut in Co "K" 3^d Maine Regt Vols.
William H. Owens holding @ 1st Lieut's Commis-
sion in the same Co. at that time.

Lieut Owens never served with the Co as such
but was acting Brigade Dr. Mr. - (when I got
my Commission - as 2^d Lieut. I was appointed
to act as 1st Lieut. which position I filled
to the best of my ability often having full charge
of the Co. during the sickness and absence of
Capt Richmond -

On the 1st of Nov. Last. I was promoted
by an election of the Co & appointment of the
Col. to the position of 1st Lieut of Co "K"
(Owens having been commissioned as Brigade Dr. Mr.)
And 1st Sergeant John Keen was elected
2^d Lieut. of the same Co. He, John C. Keen,
has got his Commission - as 2^d Lieut. But I

have not received my Commission as 1st Lieut
I have received pay as 1st Lieut since Nov last
but I hold @ 2nd Lieut's Commission. And as you
see we have two Commissions. 2nd Lieut in the
Co.

I spoke to the Col about it and told
him the circumstances. He replied that he
knew it before. And now whether he can
sent for my Commission as 1st Lieut. or not I
do not know.

I do not wish to do
any thing wrong, and I do not want to be
receiving 1st Lieut's pay without @ Commission
to support it.

I am not ambitious to be
promoted to places I cannot fill with honor
to myself, and satisfaction to my ~~self~~ friends.
I enlisted as @ private, and have tried to do
my duty. how well I have succeeded my Col-
can tell -

I saw the Hon A. P. Morrill
and told him the circumstances, and added his
advice - (which I am in the habit of doing
when I can, as he has often befriended me)

and he advised me to write to you Excellency
stating the facts, which I have done and I
respectfully submit them for your consideration.

Hoping you will load with favor upon my
note, and give me @ Commission which rightfully
belongs to me. I am Very Respectfully

To his Excellency

Your Obedt Servt -

Saml Washburn

Chas W Hassell

Sergeant of the State of Maine

Lieut Co A 3rd Me Vols

Lt. Col. B. Haskell
3^d Regt.
Co. "K"

For promotion