

Headquarters 5th Maine Regiment
Camp Franklin, near Alexandria Va
October 31 1861

Col. Neal Dow.

Colonel - Your favor of the 28th inst. came at hand this day. In accepting the Adjutancy of the 13th permit me to tender you my thanks for the honor you do me and to express a hope that our relations may prove pleasant and of mutual benefit.

I have the honor, Colonel, to be
Your O^{bt} Serv^t
Frederic Speed