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Head Quarters 5th Maine Regt
Camp Franklin Nov 14th 1861

Sir

Your favour of the 7th inst came safely to hand in due course of Mail — In answer I can only say, that the change you refer to in B Co would (at present) be highly prejudicial to the best interests of the Company & the Regiment — Any changes that I may think of advantage to the Regiment I will not be slow to advise you about —

Allow me to call your attention to the fact, that recruiting for this Regiment is progressing very slowly — I am informed that Mr Twitchell who went home as a Recruiting officer of this Regiment — did recruit some twenty five men & turned them over to the Cavalry, & I am also informed that the same gentleman is now recruiting for Artillery — I told Mr Twitchell that I should not object to his getting a

Commission in any other Regiment
but I never gave him authority to
recruit for others - - -

Will You have the Kindness
to give my regards to His Excellency
the Governor I tell him that it gives me
great Pleasure to say, that the 5th Me
Regiment is now generally considered
to be second to no other Maine Regiment, in
any point, except it may be in point of
numbers - Its present position is
really an honorable one - it is in one
of the best Divisions & best Brigades
in the whole Army -

Our Division was yesterday
reviewed by Maj^r Gen McClellan accom-
panied by all the Division Commanders
of the Army of the Potomac - Gen^l Mc-
Clellan spoke highly of the Division & made
special mention of the 7th Brigade
& 5th Maine Regt - but also remarked
that the Regiments composing this Div-
ision must be full Regiments - im-
plying that if we did not fill up, we
must leave the Division - - please

call the Governor's attention to this &
ask him to use his influence to recruit
the Regiment — we now have all we
ask for except men — Please use
your own influence to get us men —
fill the Regiment to a proper standard &
I will guarantee that you will have oc-
casion to be proud of the Maine 5th
Regiment

Respect

N. I. Jackson

Col 5th Me Regt

Col Jas F. Miller
Augusta
Maine