

O. D. Chapman
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Gen Haddon Dear Sir

I recd your
note yesterday requesting
a definite answer with
regard to my Commission.
When Capt Hoskell left,
he understood that I was
not to go, for reasons which
he comprehended well,
but which I will not here
with transmit.

It suffices it to say, that if I
had not asked the point I
did, by earnest entreaty,
Exeter's quota of Toll would
not have been forth coming
in due season.

.. After much reflection I
decline to accept a Commission
as 2nd Lt in Co D, 2^d Regt - M. I.
I intended to answer you
definitely when I was at your
office a few weeks since but
you did not fully understand
me I suppose.

A. J. O'Connell
of your City wrote me that
the names of part of Exeter
quota could not be found.
The persons referred to went
with Capt Cowan in the
First Maine Cavalry Co &c.
I think

.. Yours Respectfully

O. J. Chapman