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Head Quarters 5th Me Regt
Camp Franklin Dec^r 8th 1861
Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th
inst came to hand last night -
I am very glad to hear that the 5th Regt
is to be filled up - I can readily re-
ceive a full Company Officers & all
& three squads of thirty & forty men
each - The Commanders of which I
can provide with Lieutenants -

I cannot now assign Lieutenants, be-
cause I want to ^{place them} ~~put them~~ into
that Company where they can be
of the most service - The recruits
better come on without uniform or
equipments - The Lieutenants might
receive their commissions with the
rank & Company letter left blank
or they can come on without com-
missions & commissions can be

forwarded after they have been
assigned —

I am happy to say that the
5th Me Regiment continues to
improve in discipline & appear-
ance - The health of the Regiment
is very good - I shall ex-
pect the full company by the 13th
inst

Very Resp^{ly}

V. D. Jackson

Col Com 5th Me Regt

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr
Governor of Maine
Augusta