

Leasport Oct 25, 1862.

His Excellency, I Washburn is:

Sir,

As a matter in which I have some interest may come before you, I beg leave to lay before you the following statement:

My son - Edward Simonton - enlisted in Co. G. 20 Reg. Me. Vols, and ever since its inception has performed the duties of its orderly to the satisfaction, & I have reason to know, of the Company. At the time of its organization, the 2^d Lieut. had poor health, so as to render it probable he would continue in the service but a short time; and the Capt. (Spear) assured both my son and myself that, should such a vacancy occur, my son should have the place, and so continue to assure. My latest information from the Reg. is that the Lieut. is about to resign if he has not already done so; and on every principle of right and of military usage, my son ought to have

The place is worthy of it. But observing that
a case precisely similar in Co. E. 19 Reg., and
in which this town has a large interest (the ap-
pointment being for this town) ^{the candidate} ~~where~~ ~~was~~ ~~to~~
~~be~~ supplied by Col. Small from outside
of the company, I have to request your ex-
cellency, should said vacancy occur in Co.
G. 20th Reg., and any name be proposed
for the place other than that of my son, that
you will defer the appointment till he through
his friends can have a hearing on the sub-
ject. And should such a contingency
arise, and you should require any testimony
in the case, please notify me when a hearing
can be had, unless written evidence
would suffice. — I am permitted to refer
to Hon. N. G. Slackton and Hon. B. Roberts of
Stockton who have advised this preliminary
measure.

Yours,

Very Respectfully

P. Limonta.

P. S. In referring to the similar case
of Co. E. 19th Reg., claiming to know some-
thing of the merits of the case, having myself
recruited most of the men directly inter-
ested in the appointment, I beg leave to say
that Mr. Nehemiah Smith of Shannville,
the present orderly of the Co., should have the
appointment, both for his great personal
merits, and as being in the line of promotion.

P. S.

Promotion of
Edward Simonson

20th May.

to Hannah Smart. 19th May.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the promotion of Edward Simonson. I am sorry to hear that his kind can have a hearing on the subject. I shall be a contingent orator, and you should require any testimony in the case, please notify me when a hearing can be had, unless writing and name would suffice. I am permitted to refer to Hon. W. G. Slackton and Hon. B. Roberts of Stockholm who have denied this preliminary motion.

Yours,

Very Respectfully,

R. Simonson.