

Widdellport Jan^r 23 1862
His Excellency Gov Washburn
Dear Sir

I had the
pleasure yesterday of signing
a petition to you asking
the promotion of Lieut
Stevens and Pillsbury

I supposed they were
promoted at the time Capt
Goodwin resigned but it
was said that Capt Goodwin
made representations to you
that caused a hesitation on
your part in giving them
the places that their friends
here supposed as a matter
of course they would have

They are both very correct
in their habits very much
respected by their acquaintances

have always stood high in
this community and I have
understood that while in camp
on the Potomac they have
occupied all their leisure time
in making themselves acquainted
with their duties while some
of their comrades (occupying
higher positions) have been
wasting their time in the
Washington Grog Shops

Nine tenths of all the
people in this city would
gladly sign the petition I
saw yesterday if they had an
opportunity

I saw one man who
went out in the same regiment
from Saco yesterday and he
told me that the Company
expected and hoped to have
Lieut Stevens for Captain

I for one having the interest
I do in the 5th Regiment
hope you will at once give
these men the places asked
for I know it will
give satisfaction to all our
loyal men here and I
have reason to believe will
be for the interest of Co B

The difference between
Capt Goodwin and Lieut Stevens
is this, Lieut Stevens is a
Republican dyed in the wool
a man we could always count
upon as safe and reliable
while Capt Goodwin is a
Modern Democrat—
and I say more

Most Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
E H Banks