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Head Quarters 5th Me Regt  
(Camp Franklin Feb 21st 1862)  
General

Yours of 17th inst has been received - you speak of a Capt & Lieut as having been detained in Maine on account of vaccination - Some time in the month of November 1861 I made an arrangement with the Governor of Maine ~~to send~~ through Lt Col Heath to send to this Regt one full company with officers - one (mustered) first Lt has reported himself with seventy three men - The officer & the men have been disposed of in different companies according to order - I have had no official communication that any more officers or men have been mustered for this Regiment since that time - I wrote to you some

six weeks ago to know if the  
 remaining officers of the Company  
 had been mustered in - I never  
 have received an answer to that  
 communication — I have  
 only to say — that if there are any  
officers now in Maine (who have  
 been mustered into service for this  
 Regiment) they have grossly neglect-  
 ed their duty in not reporting to  
 these Head Quarters — ~~that~~  
~~they have~~ If such officers have been  
 appointed & mustered — & If I had  
 had proper official knowledge of the  
 fact — I should have been obliged  
 to have reported them to Head Quarters  
 of the army as absent without  
 leave from the time of their being mus-  
 tered was known here — Query — how  
 are they to obtain their pay — since  
 they have been mustered — they are  
 not in duty by any authority —  
 you can easily see that there is

Something wrong in the matter —  
 Please make an investigation  
 of the ~~names~~ & write me — If  
 the above mentioned Capt<sup>n</sup> & Lieut  
 are really in existence, the fact  
 should be officially known at these  
 Head Quarters —

The 5th Me Regt is in good con-  
 dition in regard to discipline — The Health  
 of the Regt is good considering such a  
 winter as we have had — We are  
 all in good spirits & are longing  
 to have our chance at the Rebels

Respectfully yours

N. I. Jackson

Col Cam Regt

Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen John L. Hodges  
 Ad<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>e</sup> of Maine  
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