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Head Quarters 5th McRey
Camp Franklin Feb 24th 1862
Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor
of the 19th inst came safely to hand
last night — The vacancy of Cap-
tain in G, Co., is the only vacancy of
the kind existing in the Regiment.
there has been (for some time) one other,
that was filled by Lt Stevens in B, Co.

I should be glad to have
Lt Harris promoted — but whenever
I have been on the point of recom-
mending it — There would spring
to my mind a vague idea of one
Capt Patch of whom I have had
(for the last three months) rather an
uncertain imagination — For
I have not as yet received any
official notice that said Patch

is now, or is to be, an officer in this Regiment — You can readily understand — that if I don't know the whereabouts of my officers — My own position must be rendered somewhat uncertain & uncomfortable — I have rather refrained from recommending the filling of vacancies, for fear that I might cross your intentions regarding the officers of the Company which was to join this Regiment in the early part of the winter — of the existence of Leporn I have had an official notice from time to time during the winter

The Health of the Regiment continues as good as can be expected considering the amount of bad weather we have had during the winter — The men are in ex-

valent spirits -

I take this opportunity
to congratulate you upon the re-
cent Union victories in the
South & West & to assure you
that we are anxiously waiting
for our day of triumph - honor
& glory

Respectfully your old servant

N J Jackson

Col Com West

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr
Governor of Maine
Augusta