

Hamilton Feb 9. 1868
Gen Colburn

Dear Sir,

During our interview at Stanley House, I do not remember to have expressed any preference as to a position in the Army. I believe there is to be a third Major appointed in the 1st Heavy Artillery. This is the position which would be most acceptable. I saw Col Chaplin at Washington, and he seemed desirous that I should come into his regiment, saying he would write a letter of approbation to you if I should need such. I am desirous of this position, Sir, because it is the most scientific branch of the service. I believe I am in every respect well qualified for the place. For my soldierly qualifications I refer you to my testimonials from the officers of the 20th, and for

my mathematical talent, which is
not the least to be considered, I have
the honor to refer you to the Faculty of
Waterville College. I am sure, sir, that
any other certificates you may require can
be obtained. —

Understand me, sir, to express
my preference only. I am not unwilling
to serve my country in any capacity where
I may be most useful.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Henry C. Merriam

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To His Excellency,
Gen. Coburn

Houlton

Feb. 9, 1863.

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asks appointment as Maj in 1st
Me. Heavy Artillery