

Draft Rendezvous
Portland Oct. 24 1864

Hon Samuel Cony
Governor of Maine
Sir:

Learning through an unofficial source that a new rule of promotion has been adopted in my Regt and that thereby I am to be debarred from holding the rank which I think justly belongs to me, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject, feeling confident that you are as ready to hear the complaints of junior officers in the service as those of higher grades.

In July '62 I enlisted as one of the quota of Robbinston, Washington Co., joined the 18th Regt at Bangor and was mustered Augt. 21st as a private in Co "D" of that Regt. I served with my company until Dec^r 6th when I was detailed for duty at Division Head Quarters, Washington. I served there until Jan^y 30th 1864 when I received a commission as 2^d Lieut. of Co "D" 1st Me. Arty, Art. to which organization the 18th Regt had been changed. I was recommended for this position by Col. Haskin and all the officers of his staff. After my promotion I was retained by Col. Haskin on his staff as

A. A. S. C., altho Col. Chaplin wished me to return to the Regt. When Adj. Talbot was discharged I was offered the position he had vacated, by Col. Chaplin, but still Col. Haskin objected to my leaving & with him I remained until the Regt. left for the field, on the 15th of May last. At this time I joined my company and with it participated in the battles, skirmishes & marches in which it was engaged until the 18th day of June, when I was wounded twice, in the left arm and the right side of the chest. The first of these wounds has healed, but the arm is still weak and I have very little control of the hand. Better things however are hoped for and the Surgeons all promise improvement. The wound in the chest is still open and discharging, it is perfectly healthy and doing well. How long time will elapse before I shall be able to rejoin my Regt. time alone can tell but my desire is to do so as soon as possible. I am now detailed for temporary duty at this post, after undergoing two examinations by the Board of Officers at Annapolis. I certainly should not have been sent here if my disability had been considered of a ~~temporary~~ permanent nature. On the 21st of June you forwarded my commission as 1st Lieut. of my Company, for which position I have not as yet been mustered.

The point I wish to make & to which all

I have written is preliminary is, that as Capt. Parker & Lieut. Spooner have died of wounds and Lieut. Foster has been mustered out for disability the vacant captaincy, of right and according to the custom carried out in the Regt, for two years, belongs to me. When Major Dyer was on the Governors Staff very many recommendations in my behalf were placed on file at Augusta, to which I would respectfully refer you. Such names as Jos. Granger, Wm Duren, J. M. Livermore, C. F. Horton & others as well known will be found.

Trusting that this paper may meet with your consideration

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.
Geo. J. Brewer
Lieut Co "L"

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