

Pelham Feb. 16th 13
Genl Hodsdon

Dear Sir

You will excuse the liberty I have taken in asking a favor of you. at a time when I suppose you are very busy. but as it is a matter that will require prompt action. have ventured to do this. and should you find that circumstances will warrant you in lending your assistance for what I ask. you will confer a favor by so doing.

I understand Capt Strickland of the Maine 20th Co. H. has resigned. this will I presume. leave a vacancy of 2nd Lieut. in that Co. I would be pleased to see Osgood Russell St. White of our City who is the orderly of that Co. appointed

to that place.

So far as I have ever heard Sergt White has proved himself a very competent Orderly and he has ability, courage and Education for a good officer. he was wounded at the battle of Antietam, while recovering the river, had a finger shot off.

His father Hon James White whom you perhaps know, is one of those who thinks all of the appointments go by favor, and that a Democratic Soldier however worthy can get no promotion, except through personal influence, he thinks his son's case is thus, and in my opinion, if all circumstances will justify his promotion, such promotion might have favorable effect on Mr W. Now Sergt W. now stands

in the Regt. I am not sufficiently
well posted to say. but at last ac-
counts. from all I heard he was doing
well, and was counted a good soldier.

He entered the service much
against the wishes of his father.
with a determination to do his
duty & win promotion. I promised
him if I could do so. when an
opportunity offered to aid him.

You will be possessed of informa-
tion that would govern such promo-
tion, and if as I before remarked
it will justify it. I would be
pleased and I doubt not would
be equally satisfactory to others
to see him advanced.

Yours truly
John H Quincy

John B. Lumby. Feb 16. 03

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