

Head Quarters Draft Rendezvous,

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I wish to call your attention to the great injustice done officers from Washington County in the line of promotions in my Regt; (1st Me Heavy Art.) I went to the front May 15th last as senior 2^d Lieut of Co. I of that Regt. Capt Parker was killed 17th May, 1st Lt Spooner died of wounds after being commissioned Capt. of the Co; 1st Lt Foster was discharged the service for disability arising from wounds, after being promoted to the Captaincy. This left me the ranking & only original officer of the Co., the junior 2^d Lt having been killed. The practice in the Regt had always been to promote in the compliance of seniority - Instead of this being done in my case, a Lieut. from another Company, who was absent from the Regt ~~sick~~ when I went into a fight & got wounded, has been promoted to the Captaincy of my Co. I was as you know wounded on the 18th June & am still suffering from the wounds, one of them not having healed as yet - As soon as it does heal, it is my intention to join my Regt. I am here on leave.

porary duty and under medical treatment.
I believe I have done my duty in the Regt as
a private and an officer, and why I, because
I am wounded unable to join my Co should be
refused promotion, and an other officer (my junior,
who was fortunately sick, other kept out of the show,
should be jumped over me, is more than I can tell.
The men of my Co: now in the field united in
a petition to the Governor to commission me.

The reason of the whole thing I take it, is, that
no recommendations are sent to the Governor except for
men from Penobscot Co. In this connection, I hear
that a Sergeant from my Co. (a Bangor man) is
recommended for promotion in Porter Co "K".

This state of things should not exist, for we
have as good material in that Regt from Washing-
ton Co., in the Bucks, Johnsons, Kilbys, Talbots &
others, as Penobscot can turn out.

Will you not look into this matter and
thus oblige one of your constituents & old friends

Truly yours

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1st Me Reg Art