

Head Quarters
 2nd Regt Maine Volunteers
 Camp near Hounslow, Loudon
 July 20th, 1862
 General

Yours of the 17th inst is before me. Am exceedingly pleased to learn that efforts are being made to refill my regt. The little 2nd however has no commissions to bestow upon outsiders, they must come as privates, and by their soldierly conduct earn promotion. I have now privates & Sundry Sergeants & corporals abundantly able to perform acceptably the duties of Capts, Lieut's & even Col's. Say nothing about the line officers ~~now~~ in the command. Please give my kind regards to his Excellency the Gov., also to our Col. Harding, Major Miller, & Genl. Just before we get prepared to take

Richmond the boasted "Rebel
Capital" come on if possible &
I will show you how it's done.
Wishing you the best of success
in your present laborious duties

I remain In Honor
Very Sincerely Yours
Chas W. Roberts
Col Comdg

P.S. Say to Gov. Washburn that I
feel indebted to him for the recent
promotions of members of my command.
Tell him if the same habit becomes
chronic with him, I shall not
feel in any way annoyed or injured.
I heard from Col George day before
yesterday, he was well & uninjured.
I hope that he may be soon returned
to us if so I will notify you, also
remember that he is the very best officer
from Maine none excepted. Keep if in
any way possible a place for him. CWR

To John L. Hodsdon
adpt Genl
State of Maine

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"The Situation"
All quiet on the James
a la N. J. Herald

Thomas J. Campbell, the
private company D, died last
night of typhoid after a
short illness. Effects of
Chucaberry R

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Col Roberts

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Harris's Landing

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Will give to the
Chas. Roberts
Col. Emory

P.S. Say to Gen. Matthews that I
feel indebted to him for the recent
promotions of my friends of my command.
Tell him of the same. I shall not
feel in any way annoyed or injured.
I heard from Col. George day before
yesterday. he was well & unimpaired.
I hope that he may be soon returned
to us if so I will notify you. Also
remember that he is the only best friend
from Maine now left. Keep if
any possible a place for him.