

Waterville Mar 9. 1863

Gov Coburn,

Dear Sir, Shall start
for New York tomorrow unless I hear
from there tonight which I do
not expect. Now Governor, you
must see, with myself, that I have
but poorly profited by accepting this
appointment. Therefore I feel that I have
every reason to expect your favorable
notice in promotions to be made here-
after, whether in the same or in
an other regiment. Men have been
taken from the ranks and placed
on a level with me, while I have rather
retrograded than advanced in rank.
My friends, many of them, are bitter
at my acceptance; but I am anxious
to serve in some capacity, and have ac-
cepted solely with the hope of retribution
hereafter. It is all in your hands.

Should Col Bangs be assigned to the command of a regiment I ~~would~~ be most happy to accept Lt Colby under him. Can I have it?

I spoke to you in reference to my brother who is now a Sert in my old company. I think him in every way deserving of a commission. — He has always proved himself a prompt and efficient officer. — Think if you will speak to Lt Plumer, who is, I think, to visit you today, in reference to him that he will endorse my words. At least, he talked well concerning him Saturday.

By the way, let me say that I consider Mr. Plumer a capable and efficient officer. Should recommend him for promotion if asked, notwithstanding he has put his name in abuse to me as an officer. —

However, the object of this note is simply to express my desire that my brother may receive a commission.

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I do not ask this because he is
my brother, but because I am sure
he is most worthy and efficient for
the appointment. —

I am Sir
Most respectfully
Your obt^d Servt
W. C. Merriam

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Merriam H. C.

Recommends his brother
for promotion

Wants Merriam & promotion -

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Capt N. C. Merriam,