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1863-03-02 Sergeant Thomas B. Campbell of Company E solicits a position as 2nd Lieutenant from George A. Starr

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Camp Pitcher, Near Falmouth, Va.  

Hon. Geo. B. Racker  

March 25th

Sir,

To break the monotony of camp life I am anxious to see a few lines from you. I have written that it may be accepted. I am pleased that I can inform you that I am in excellent health and spirits. We are very inactive nothing to do except building roads and doing picket duty. The Germans made demonstration on our lines quite often but they get the worst of it. They are not only repulsed but followed by Cavalry as far as can be made safe. The stormy weather has not abated yet. The roads are quite impossible. But let old Maine be patient old fighting Joe. Hooker will make his own good time. He is the man for the place, if the Army could but...
believe that Little Mac. is no more. He was and is now the most popular man in the Federal Army. You know that truth must have its weight. It has been said that the army of the Potomac would not fight unless they had Mr. Chaffee as a leader. This is not so. They have fought and will fight again should they ever get another chance. There is not much left of the 11th Regt. but what there is left is good. The Regt. is short of commissioned officers. Col. Walker sent some names to Sec. Stanton for promotion. I see that he has not noticed them or rather none except those from Rockland.

I have been a Sergeant in Co. D, 11th Regt. for three months. I have been in all the battles in which the Regt. has been engaged and feel that I have done my duty as become a soldier.
and a Sergeant, I now feel myself competent to fill the Office of 2nd Lieut. and am quite sure that I should have been Commissioned before this had I been a resident of Rockland. Someone else was Commissioned through the influence of Representatives and nine by the influence of the Col. But as Rockland is the only place represented in Field and Staff I need solicit your influence in my behalf hoping that I may some day have the pleasure of repaying you for all trouble I subscribe myself yours very respectfully.

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P.S. I received a letter from Joseph. Arnold last week. He is well but not out of the show.