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Camp of the 5th Maine Regiment.
Near Hardy's Landing Va., July 5. 1862.

To his Excellency, Israel Washburn Jr.
Gov. of Maine -

Sir: - Enclosed is a recommendation
which indicates the Subject of this letter.

Having had more than fourteen months
experience in actual field service, I have
not thought it presumptuous to present
my claims for promotion. I therefore,
respectfully, but earnestly ask that his
Excellency would appoint me as Maj. or
Lieut. Col. of one of the new regiments
about to be raised in Maine, or to
fill any vacancy that his Excellency may
deem proper.

I might use Political influence, but
I choose to base my claim entirely on Military
recommendations.

I regret that I am unable to use the name
of the Field Officers of our Regt. but Col.
Packer being wounded and absent, and

brave and gallant Lieut Col. Heath
having been killed on the battle field of
Gain's Hill, and Maj. Seaverns absent
sick, it leaves me no other alternative
than to use the name of our present, temporary
commanding officer.

The 5th Maine are in good spirits and
still maintain their discipline. The fatigue
and exposure incident to the late movement
of the "Army of the Potomac" had a tendency to
dishearten many, but I am happy to say that
the cloud of gloom which seemed to hang over
so many, has dispersed.

It seems that our prospect was never
brighter, and our cause never more prosperous.

Yours,

Truly,

A. S. Daggett.

Capt. Co. E. 5th Me. Vols.

P.S. Of course, I would, by all means,
prefer the Lieut Colonelcy.

A. S. D.