

Camp 5th Marine
Near Alexandria, Va.,
Sept. 5, 1862

His Excellency,
Gen. Washburn,

Dear Sir:-

Sometimes since, I wrote your Excellency concerning a matter of personal interest to myself, the nature of which you will remember, but as I have heard nothing in response, I make bold to write again, presuming it has passed from your memory.

When, Maj. L. S. Jones, our Paymaster, was last with the regt. he admitted my claim for pay to be valid, although owing to the fact of my appointment being unknown in the regt. it did not so appear on the regimental records, by which he was bound, and consequently he could not pay me only from the time I was first assigned to Co "E," on the 7th day of June last, but he assured me I could easily get what was due me from the date of my commission to the 7th of June upon a representation of the facts to the Secy of War, by your Excellency, who would order him (Maj Jones) to pay me the amount at once; and he

Further assured me he would visit your Excellency upon the matter and instruct how it could be done.

This was some six weeks ago, and up to this time, when another payment is due, I ^{have} heard nothing from him.

I should ~~feel~~ feel under additional obligation to your Excellency, if this matter could be settled at once, that I might know whether Govt is disposed to do justice or not; and further that I may know how to promise my creditors in Holland, who have patiently awaited the issue of this business.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt & humble Servt
Wm E. Stevens
Lt Col C. 5th Maine Vols.

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