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General

Dear Sir, I

thank you for the ready and friendly
response you gave me in reply to the
request asking your influence in the
promotion of my son - I appreciate
somewhat, the arduous labors, taxing
almost your utmost capacities for
endurance in the responsible position
you occupy, and have so faithfully &
honorably filled - so that you have but
little time to spare to listen to, and aid
the interests of your numerous circle
of friends - but Gen you will pardon
me in this intrusion, and allow me
to ask your influence, united with Sen
ator Hale in this matter - I forward
to the Hon Senator a recommendation
from the Capt of Co M relative to

the qualifications of my son
I have a private letter from the
same gentlemen stating, no more ⁹² worthy
young man was in the army, & no braver
nor better fighter. — If the Gov
dont see fit to promote him in his
Regt, lets his ^{promotion} in some one of the new
organizations, of Co which are now
or may be formed from this State.

You understand much better than
myself, & perhaps better than Senator
Hale how to arrange to accomplish
this matter & I shall be satisfied
with the result, whether successful
or not. Gen. Chas. Smith

J. H. Ramsdell

Adj. Gen. J. A. Hodsdon