

Head Qrs 16th Regt. Mevres
Camp in the Field -
December 17/64

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of nine commissions for this Regiment as per letter of transmittal of the 9th inst. also yours of the 9th inst. requesting the reason why Capt. Smith's Commission should be revoked -

The recommendation for Smith to be promoted to Capt. of "G. Co. was forwarded subsequent to his capture on the 8th of May & at the same time Capt. Felcher was recommended for the Majority of the Regiment, since which time some matters have come to my knowledge, connected with his capture, requiring an explanation before he can be mustered as Captain of any company in the Regiment. Furthermore, "G. Co. has been without a permanent commander since the 8th of May & the interest of the company require that some one should be permanently assigned to the command -

Smith is now a prisoner & provided there were no charges against him, I doubt very much if he remains in the service, say after being exchanged.

Lieut. Thompson is also entitled to the position by Seniority, he having come out with the Regt. as 2nd Lieut. of "G. Co. being mustered as such at the organization of the Regt. whereas Lieut. Smith was mustered as 2nd Lieut. of "C. Co. Oct-7/62.

Hoping the above reasons will be satisfactory to His Excellency the Governor & that the appointments as recommended in my former communication will be forwarded at your earliest convenience; the Regt. being much in need of officers.

I have the honor

To
Hon. S. H. Root
Adj. Gen. of Maine

To remain Genl.
Your Obedt. Servt.
Chas. H. Titler
Co. 16th Regt. Meves.

Approved
J. C. G. G. G.