

Head Quarters 1st Maine Hvy Arty
March 18 1865

Dear Governor,

I this day have
forwarded to your Adjutant
General the name of Capt
H. G. Smith senior Capt for
Major in place of the Late
Major Charles W. Nute. Capt
Smith, while he was willing
and anxious to give way
to Capt Nute, is unwilling
to give place to Capt Show-
and it is my opinion as
well as that of the officers
of the Regiment, that while
Capt Smith is not all that
could be desired, he is
much preferable to Capt
Show. Capt Smith has the

Merit of bravery to a degree
that is satisfactory to all.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
R. B. Shepherd
Col, 1st Me. H. A.