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**1862-12-17 Rufus Crockett writes Governor Washburn regarding vacancies in the regiment**

Rufus Crockett

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Camp Near Falmouth Va.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> / 62

Gen Washburn

Sir,

Capt. Bachelder of Co. "B" of the 3<sup>d</sup> Regt. Me. Vols. has resigned, making a vacancy in said Co. and it is natural for somebody to be expecting to fill said vacancy. I enlisted in the above Co. the third upon the Roll, and have faithfully performed the duty of a Non Commissioned officer up to the present date, acting 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt. most of the time for the last six months, I have followed my Co. through the many severe battles and Privations, which it has been through, and I not been absent from one Roll Call of the Co. unless, on duty elsewhere, I have done no prodigious deeds of Valor to entitle me to distinction, but none will tell you that I drank in times of danger, I enlisted to fight for my Country and I have done so long and hard, leaving wife family and a good situation because I knew my beloved country was in danger. my little family have all been taken from me making the trials of the Campaign more bitter to me. I need not tell you that I am asking for a Commission but if I felt unworthy or not capable I would disdain to



hold one, and your excellency may rest assured that I  
am "Blusterer," or make any demands upon your notice  
but I merely tell you the plain truth and modestly ask  
your attention, and if they find favour with you, I  
assure you that your confidence shall not be abused  
nor the service disgraced. I could refer you to many  
as to my ability &c. but I hope this will be useless.

We have just passed through a tedious Battle across  
the River but were very fortunate in not losing men  
in large numbers. Hoping that this will find favour I  
will remain

Your Humble Servant.

Rufus G. Crockett.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sergt. Co. B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Me Vols.

Gen. S. Washburn jr



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Lieut. R. J. Crockett,  
30 Regt.  
Dec. 17

Promotion.

Crockett, R. J.  
Capt. 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. 1822  
St. Louis, Missouri

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