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**1862-12-23 Colonel Moses Lakeman reports on the bravery of the regiment at Fredericksburg**

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Governor.

In response to your communication of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. I have the honor to say that an election Chaplain was held by the officers of the 3<sup>d</sup> Me. Vols. in my quarters this A. M. which resulted in the unanimous choice of the Reverend George B. Gow of Waterville Me.

In my list of vacancies I omitted to mention the vacancy of the post of Asst. Surg. made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Getchell. Our Surgeon, Dr. Kilduth having been injured by a fall from his horse, is unable to wholly attend to the wants of the command, and unless he does so, I fear that the men would be but poorly cared for by the present Asst. Surg. The latter is also a prisoner of war, on parole, having by carelessness remained on the other side of the river until the morning after we left. These facts induce me to respectfully request that the vacancy may be filled as soon as possible, by the appointment of a smart + capable physician, which the present Asst. Surg. is not, nor will he probably ever be.

I can not forbear mentioning the noble and gallant conduct of this Regt. during the recent engagement at

Fredericksburg. I am proud to state that both  
officers and men with but one exception, behaved  
themselves with such determined and resolute bravery  
as to render the Regt. a credit and honor not  
only to itself and its state, but also to the country  
it has served so long and well.

I have the honor  
Sir to remain Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

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per. C. W. Gardiner

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