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Head Quarters 1st Maine Cavalry  
Camp near Brooks Station Va  
November 30. 1862.

Hon Sir

Having been informed by  
Col J. H. Allen 1st Maine Cavalry, that  
he had forwarded to you a recommendation  
for my promotion to 2nd Lieut Co "A" 1st  
Me Cavry - (sic) 2nd Lieut Hill, resigned -  
to take rank from October 24th 1862, and  
having been "Acting Adjutant" since Nov  
2nd 1862, by order of Lieut Col Cony,  
Commanding 1st Maine Cavalry.

I have not received any commission, nor  
have I received any further encouragement  
to induce me to believe that I am yet  
Commissioned. I have some misapprehensions  
in regard to my right of office, and am  
somewhat delicate about acting under  
existing circumstances as there is an  
order lately published from the Head

Quarters, Army of the Potomac. October  
30th 1862. General Order, No 181. of  
which I would respectfully refer to your  
notice Paragraphs 1. and 2.

I am exceedingly anxious, and would  
respectfully request that you favor me  
with your notice in regard to it.

I am also requested by Lieut Col  
Donty, Comd'g. to inform you that he has  
not yet rec'd his Commission, and it is  
absolutely necessary, in accordance  
with Paragraphs 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, of the above  
mentioned order, that he has it from your  
office as soon as possible.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

A Russell

Lieut Col Adjutant  
1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry

Hon Great Washburn  
Governor of Maine.

P.S.

Col. Dutey's original Commission was captured by the Rebels, last May, and I have referred in my letter to a 2nd one which he applied for last Summer.

A.P.R.

A. P. Russell,  
Cavalry,  
Nov. 30,

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Promotion