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1863-01-11 Rufus Crockett of Company B requests a commission

Rufus Crockett

3^d Regt. Me. Vols.

Camp Pitcher Va. Jan. 16th 1863

Gov. Coburn. Sir.

Your Excellency must excuse my boldness in addressing you personally. but as I do to beg a personal favour I hope to be excused on that ground I enlisted in this Regt. Co. B., when it was first raised and I have faithfully performed my duty as a private, Corp^t and as Sergeant, I have been in every Battle which the Regt has been in and how well I have discharged my duty while under fire, I leave others to tell you. I have done all the business of the Co. since our first Battle at Bull Run, and have acted as 1st Sergt for months at a time while the proper sergt. was absent Sick or Wounded, I have lost all my little family during my absence, which has been a hard blow, with my other duties it has at times been a hard burden to bear. Our Capt. (Bachelder) has been dimis^{ed} leaving a vacancy, and I feel deserving and competent to have a commission, the Col. may have his favourite but I can stand erect and say that by right it belongs to me I could get references to send you. but I shall consider

unnecessary Gen. J. L. Stevens of Augusta will inform
you as to my worthiness.

I do not apply for a commission
for the Honor it brings, but to somewhat lighten my
load on the march, and increase my pay which
I much need, continual service in the field for
twenty months has somewhat broken me down in
health. All things considered I hope your Excellency
will hear my petition and help me by granting
the same.

And you never shall have cause
that you conferred a great favour on

Your Humble Servt.

Rufus G. Crockett.

9th Ser. A Co. 13th 3^d Mevols

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Crockett, P. S.

Asks Promotion

3^d
Sergeant R. G. Crockett,
Jan 16. 63
Asks for promotion to 2^d Lieut in 3^d
Co. B.