

Head Quarters 1st Maine Cavalry  
Camp Taylor Va  
January 2nd. 1863.

General

I would very respectfully request to be furnished with  
duplicates of the commissions of the following Superior 2nd Lieut's  
of the 1st Maine Cavalry, dating Sept 1st. 1862.

✓	Addison P. Russell.	Superior 2nd Lieut.	Co A.
✓	Marcus A. Vose	"	" " " " " B.
✓	George Covel	"	" " " " " C.
✓	Andrew Tibber	"	" " " " " D.
✓	Rosalvo E. Orcutt	"	" " " " " E.
✓	Henry T. Libby.	"	" " " " " F.
✓	Henry S. W. Snyper	"	" " " " " G.
✓	John R. Andrews.	"	" " " " " H.
✓	Charles W. Ford	"	" " " " " K.
✓	John P. Carson.	"	" " " " " L.

The original Commissions have never been received by them, in consequence of some neglect or otherwise, in forwarding them, by Colonel S. H. Allen, 1st Maine Cavalry, who received them at Frederick, Md. on, or about the 3rd day November 1862, - after the regiment left Frederick Md to join the army in the field.

I have received instructions from the General commanding the Cavalry Division to which I am attached, to have those Superior 2nd Lieut's mustered out of the Service, - which I cannot

do, until I receive their commissions.

The Superior 2nd Lieutenants were taken up, by the direction of Col Allen, before I took command of the regiment, on the Company Morning Reports. Now Com Officers were also appointed in the companies, to fill the vacancies occasioned by their promotions, and they were mustered for pay, upon their Company Muster Rolls, as Superior 2nd Lieuts, with the following remark placed against their names "Appointed, and Committed Superior 2nd Lieuts Sept 1st. 1862. by his excellency, Governor Washburn of Maine, but has not been mustered in to the Service, on account of his commission, being kept back from him by Col S. H. Allen, 1st Me Cavry," which remark was placed against their names by order of the General Comd'g the Division.

I wrote a letter to Colonel Allen, at Frederick, Md. three weeks ago, respectfully requesting him to forward those commissions, stating to him, my orders in regard to them, and that it is a great injury to the regiment, and to the service, that those commissions are kept back. - I have not received any reply from him, and in fact - I have not received any communication from him relating to any business with the regiment.

It is a very great injury to the regiment, that those commissions were not forwarded at once, upon the receipt of them from his excellency, the Governor, and it is a great injustice to the parties concerned, as they are - to say the least in their favor - deserving such honors as may have been bestowed upon them. - Until they are mustered

out of the service, agreeable to orders rec'd at these Hd  
Quarters, the regiment will remain in a very embarrassing  
condition.

I would ask that you favor the regiment with  
your attention in the matter of your earliest convenience.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Louis Col, 1st Maine Cavalry.  
Commanding.

John L. Hodsdon.  
Adjutant General  
Augusta  
Maine