

Camp of the 20 Mine near
Warrenton Junction Va
Nov 4 1863

His Excellency Gov Cobourn

Having been associated with this Regt more than a year and feeling a deep interest in its welfare I take the liberty to express my convictions in reference to securing some of its interests. I write mainly for the Medical department

Our assistant Surgeon A. O. Shaw has shown a steady persevering devotion to the interests of the Regt. He is active early and late and I think has shown himself qualified to treat with skill the subjects of his care and manage with prudence and efficiency all the interests of the department. I believe him worthy of the Surgeony of the Regt. I think his appointment would

receive the approval of the officers
and he would have the confidence of
the men and command their respect in
that position

As I am writing I will say a
word in reference to the officers of the
line. Capts Keen, Morrill, Fogler and
Sand are all worthy, good hearted,
faithful, and efficient officers. Men that
will command respect where they are known

I have taken the liberty to express the
above opinion of the gentlemen officers of
the Regt and the more cheerfully as there
may be vacancies in the command which
you may be called to fill by promotions
from the line

Maj Spear is a man of education
and a gentleman. Is filling his place well.
Such men as Maj Spear Capt Keen
and Morrill would make a respectable
and an efficient command for this or
any other Regt

The above is my private opinion

formed on more than a
a years association and acquaint-
ance. They are men among men
not taxed by degrading habits

Very Respectfully yours
Luther P. French

10th The Note for promotion
Recd mends up my share

French L. P.

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Wilmington, Va.