

Head Quarters 1st Maine Cavalry
Camp near Belle Plaine -
"Camp Bayard" - Va
January 6th 1863.

General

I have the honor to recommend to his excellency the Governor of Maine, Charles W. Ford, Lieut. Co "K", to be Captain Co "K" 1st Maine Cavalry - Vice Captain George Carr, resigned, and I most respectfully request that he be commissioned as such for the following reasons. -

Since I have had command of this regiment I have been frequently annoyed by the injudicious, and unmilitary proceedings of Lieut. John D. Myrick Co "K" 1st Maine Cavalry, - he having been in command of his company much of the time, on account of the disability of Lieut. Carr. He has laid himself liable to arrest and a Court Martial on the following charges - 1st. Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, - 2nd. Disobedience of orders, - 3rd Neglect of duty. - but owing to circumstances, and a press of business in the regiment - it being about the end, and commencement of a new year - he has been allowed to pass so far.

There has been a constant discord between Lieut. Myrick and his brother officers, ever since the organization of his company, which has been a very great injury to his company and a disgrace to the regiment. - He is of no service to his country, and an injury to his command.

He attempted, once, to resign, through the direction of Col Allen, for the benefit of his company, but his resignation was not approved by the proper authority because it was not accompanied by a Surgeon's Certificate, stating that it was "absolutely necessary to prevent permanent disability," or to "save life." Unless he be superseded, he will continue to be a great injury to the service, a disgrace to the regiment, and a very great annoyance to its commanding officer, which might lead to more of a disgrace to himself than he would experience, were he superseded.

Much of the discipline and welfare of the company is due to Lieut Ford, who has always been a faithful officer, ever on duty, and has always manifested a very great interest, and much military skill & good order throughout his company. He is justly entitled to the command of Co "B" and would be an honor to his regiment, and esteemed by all his brother officers. It is, also, the earnest desire of the company that he be their commander.

It has been every unpleasant task for me to speak in such strong terms against one of the officers of my regiment, but I have been considering upon the subject, and deem it absolutely necessary, in the performance of my duties, for the benefit of the service, to make you acquainted with the facts in this case that you may see fit to act in a manner to benefit the regiment. Earnestly hoping that my recommendation may be approved.

I am General

Very Respectfully Your obd Servt
C. S. Doughty Lieut Col 1st Maine Cav
Commanding

General J. L. Hodgdon
Adjutant General
Augusta
Maine.

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Coe Doughty, 1st Lieut
Jan 6. '63

Re^d Lieut Lord as Capt Lord
and giving information abt Lieut Myrick,