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1863-11-17 Dr. S.C. Hunkins writes Governor Coburn regarding promotion of Captain Robert Gray in place of Major Whitcomb

S. C. Hunkins

Head Quarters 4th Regt. No. 2.

November 17 1863

Hon. Abner Coburn.

All Requests signed by
the line officers of this Regt. also
the endorsements of Gen's Birney and
Ward of this Division, have doubtless
reached you ere this, for the promotion
of Capt. Gray, as Major, in place of
Maj. Whitcomb. Capt. Gray possessed
the confidence of the Gen. Commanding;
during the past season I have been a
member of Gen. Ward's Staff and fre-
quently heard him say, (when it was
somewhat doubtful, that Col. Walker
would ~~not~~ be again able to join
his Regt.) that he should recommend
Capt. Gray, as Colonel of the Regt.
I, of course base my opinion of his
official abilities, from the estimation

Known to be entertained by his immediate superiors in Command.
Capt. Gray commanded the regiment at the late battle of Kellogg's Ford, Col. Walker being at the time in Com. of the Brigade.
I considered it due to Capt. Gray, to communicate to Your Excellency at this time, as active operations of the Army seem to be indicated.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
S. C. Hunkins
Surgeon, 2nd Regt. Me. V.

To His Excellency
Hon. Wm. C. Cushman
Governor of Maine

Dr. Perkins

Wm. Capt. Gray,
for Major ~~James~~

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