

Head Qu. 4th Regt. No. V.

November 17 1868

Hon. Abner Coburn.

Requests signed by
the line officers of this Regt. also
the endorsements of Genl Birney and
Ward of this Division, have doubtless
reached you ere this, for the promotion
of Capt. Graz, as Major, in place of
Maj. Whitcomb. Capt. Graz possessed
the confidence of the Genl Commanding;
during the past season I have been a
member of Genl 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. Graz, as Colonel of the Regt.
I. of course base my opinion of his
official abilities, from the estimation

Known to be entertained by his im-
mediate Superiors in Command.

Capt. Gray commanded the regiment
at the late battle of Kellog'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 Obt. Servt.

S.C. Hinckins
Sergt. 2^d Regt. Me. V.

To His Excellency
Abner Coburn
Governor of Maine

Dr. Hankins -

rely, Capt. Gray,
for major ^{et al.}