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

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Head Qrs. 4th Reg't.Inf.
November 13, 1863

Hon. Abner Coburn,

A request signed by the line officers of this Reg't also the endorsements of Genl. Birney and Maj. Genl. of the Division have doubtless reached you ere this for the promotion of Capt. Grace as Major, in place of Maj. Whitcomb. Capt. Grace possessed the confidence of the Genl. Commanding during the past season. I have been a member of the Genl. Staff, and frequently heard him say, when it looked somewhat doubtful whether Col. Walker would not be again able to join this Reg't, that he (the Genl.) would recommend Capt.Grace, as Colonel of the Reg't.

Of course base my opinion of his official abilities, from the estimation
Known to be entertained by his immediate superior in command. Capt. Gray commanded the regiment at the late battle of Kelley's Ford, Col. Walter being at the time in command 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 Obl. Servt.

To His Excellency
Hon. Colburn
Governor of Maine

S. C. Hutchins
Aug. 21, 1863
Dr. Hawkins

and Capt. Gray

Dr. M. and Mr. Gray

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