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**1863-03-17 Colonel Lakeman recommends Reverend Chase for
chaplain**

Moses B. Lakeman

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Governor

Dear Sir:

I enclose to you an application for appointment as Chaplain in my regiment of Rev. S. J. Chase of Camden, Maine, which I cheerfully approve and recommend for commission. The Chaplain of the 4th Me. is a brother of the applicant, and is a most excellent man. I have never seen his equal and if his brother copies from him we shall be very fortunate in securing him. The Regiment is in very good health, and is at work every day laying a Corduroy road. Maine troops have that to do. The commissions are all filled.

I have recently appointed, on recommendation of the Surgeon, John Littlefield Jr. Hospital Steward.

The present strength of the regiment is as follows. Officers and men for duty. — 323. —

Officers and men present sick — 29. —

ditto on detached service — 95. —

do absent with leave. — 11. —

" " sick. — 88. —

Total. — 546. —

I have the honor to be Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Moses B. Lakeman.

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