into hastile of rival hand his makes Comp Litte Maine Vols. Brandy Station Va. Not. 25th 1863 Hon. Abner Coburn 200. of maine Dear Fir; By request I beg leave to certify to the fact that there has been forwarded from this Regiment a paper designed to reach you signed by each officer present at the time (except one Sient) requesting that loapt. Rtt Gray, loo, I, be commissioned as major to fill the vacancy existing since the death of our late major E. Whiteout. Capt. Gray having as he Thinks received good soldence that the petition has been assidentally

withheld from your perusal by falling into hostile or rival hands in maine I deem it but an act of justice as one of the signers of that paper to inform you of its existence. Most Respectfully Your Obedient Germant 8 Hold B. A. Chase Chaplain Lette Me. Vols.