

Portland

July 19, 1863.

My dear Governor,

I enclose to you a confidential letter to me from Capt. Boothby of Maine Cavalry. He is Dummett's old partner, and one of the best officers in the Army as well as one of the most reliable men.

He sets out the facts very distinctly, and tho' a part of the letter was intended only for my eye, yet I prefer you should see it.

He would be the best man to command the regiment there is in it - tho' he don't intrigue for that or any other place - You may return the enclosed if you think of it

Yours truly  
Dummond



Drummond,  
Jan 19, '63

Enclosing Capt Boothby's letter,  
rec<sup>d</sup> 9 Brigadier for Com<sup>dr</sup> Murray & Sgt  
Kane for 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut.

Jan 18, 1863

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received with you