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Hon Isaac Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity
to write regarding the Majors of the 1st
Main Regiment. On my arrival at
Camp I consulted with the Line Officers
and gave them permission to have a
meeting and informally vote upon the subject.
The result of the first ballot was a tie
between Millett and Buckman - there being
sixteen officers present.

The second ballot showed eight votes for
Buckman - six for Millett and two blanks.
On motion of Capt Saffett the vote was
made unanimous for Buckman.

I am thus particular in order to show you
the true state of feeling in the Regiment.

As near as I am able to judge I do not
think that ^{the appointment of} either of the candidates above

names would give any better satisfaction
either to the Regiment or to the Field
Officers than would ^{that of} the senior Captain
of the Regiment - Both General
Steele (Commanding Division) and
Col Bartlett (Commanding Brigade) speak
very highly of the conduct of Capt Edwards
during my absence.

I respectfully request you
to appoint a Major as soon as convenient
a forward Commission

Yours Respectfully
A. J. Jackson
Col Comd'g Regt.