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Bro Washburn.

As I understand, the facts <sup>are</sup> there. All the staff & officers of the Copts. not only prefer Mr. Leonard & Mr. Bates but greatly prefer him, & none of the above mentioned Copts. would ever have given Mr. B. the least encouragement if they had known Mr. L. was talked of. They signed Mr. B's paper in ignorance. I feel pretty sure this is so.

Then as to the Col's promise to Mr. Bates. He had not given up all hope of hearing from Mr. Leonard. We both feared my letter to him had not been rec'd & therefore felt there was some danger that he wd not hear from him though we hoped Col. Chaplin told me several times that he should wait till the last day & get a letter. Mr. Bates knew this, & if Col. Chaplin

promised his influence to elect Mr.  
B. it was with the declared or im-  
plied understanding that he did not  
hear from Mr. Leman & Mr. Bates  
was altogether too hasty in feeling  
that "his calling & election" was sure.  
I regret that he has made such a  
sacrifice but I think he is mistaken  
about there being a strong desire to have  
him go, so far as the regt is concerned.

I saw him yesterday &  
stated to him just how I viewed the matter &  
told him if he were my particular friend, as  
the three field officers & five or six of the captains  
really preferred some other one simply because  
they knew <sup>that other one</sup> him, I would advise him to withhold.  
He called upon me this morning & said he  
had concluded to do so, & apply for the  
office in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine. I have this day  
written to Do. Menow & others of his friends  
to labor for him. I like him & wd be glad  
to see him in that office. If you can help him I shd be glad  
to see him in that office. <sup>from a brother,</sup>