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Hon. Chas. H. Olden

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Dear Sir -

I have one word more to say about my friend Capt. R. C. Shanna. How about the Colonelcy of the 5th regim^t? If I mistake not there are one or two others also short of a Col. - A communication from some individuals in the 5th a short time since, expressed a strong feeling in his favor, and the hope that he might in some way be made their Col. -

That would be stepping outside the regular line to be sure, but most assuredly for the good of the service - Lt. Col. Edwards is a very clever man, but said by all acquainted with him there, to be unfit to command the regim^t. Are those letters I left with Gen. Washburn, or file there? If so Gen. Coburn could see them - I can raise any amt of testimonials in the case if necessary - Can anything be done?

Yrs at V. Serv^t.

W. H. Coffin