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Brig Gen<sup>e</sup> J. L. Hodsdon  
 Adj<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>e</sup> Maine  
 Sir:

I forwarded to you by mail last evening recommendations to fill vacancies in this Regiment occasioned by promotion of Capt. Daggett and discharge of Capt. Small.

Captain Small has returned to the Regiment and is making an effort to be reinstated in which he will probably be successful.

I would respectfully request that the promotions dependant upon the vacancy occasioned by the discharge Capt Small be withheld for the present, or until the question of his reinstat-  
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- ment is settled. It is desirable that the other vacancies be filled as early as convenient.

The reply of the Governor to mine in relation to appointment of Major Buggett has been received and contents noted.

I am Gen<sup>l</sup>

Very Respectfully

Your O<sup>b</sup>d Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. Edwards

Col. 1<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>