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Portland, Sept 3rd 1863.

Governor.

Excuse the liberty ^{I take} in addressing
you - but I am constrained to do ^{so} in behalf
of an officer of my old regt - I refer to Lieut
Walker of Co H, 5th Maine - Lieut W. went
to the war as first Lieut & never has had
any promotion - His Capt was wounded at
the first battle of Bull Run after which the
Command of his Company devolved upon
Walker. From being ~~one~~ the very poorest
the regt he brought it to be one of the very
best. He remained in Command more than
a year when he was detailed upon recruiting
service & was detained from nearly one
year before being ordered to rejoin his Command.
In the mean time an enlisted man
belonging to the Company was commissioned
Lieut & afterwards Capt. Upon the return
of Walker he found as ~~the~~ commanding officer
of his Company a man who for a long time
was his orderly Sergeant. Col Edworce
for some reason having taken a dislike

to him has refused to recommend him for promotion. I do think it is a case of actual injustice and I doubt not your Excellency upon examining into the case will arrive at the same conclusion.

I of course would not presume to advise your Excellency but as you consulted me last winter in relation to the proper man to commission as Commander of that Company I have thought it not out of place to drop you a line.

All the Commissioned officers of the regt from Lieut Col down I understand are desirous he should receive a promotion.

I am, Governor

Yours Obedt Servant

Hon Abner Coburn }
Governor of Maine }
Augusta }

E. A. Scamman

Answered }
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Portland, Me.

Sept. 2. 1863

Scamman E. A.

1 Recommends Lieut Walker
5th Me Vols for promotion

1 Enclosure

Genl. G. H. Hammond

Sept. 5th 1861.
Sept. 21. 1861.

Recd Mr. Nathan H. May Jr. Sept.