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Head Qrs 5th Me Vols
Camp near Warrenton Va.

Nov 4th 1863

To His Excellency
Abner Coburn
Gov. of Maine

Sir:-

Yours of Oct 22nd was duly received, and I feel much gratified that my recommendations for the vacancies were so near your views, as you expressed in your letter to me of that date. Lt. Walker I think is deserving of a Captaincy, Company "I" is the oldest vacancy now existing in the Regt.

I am glad you brought Capt. Pillsbury's case to notice as I fear there have been some rumours in Maine which were incorrect. Capt. P. left Camp on or about the middle of July while the Regt. was resting at White Plains Va. without my leave, and was captured by Mosely or some of his party, in my next Morning Report to Brig. Head Qrs I was obliged to report him absent without leave which brought the

affair to notice of the Genl. Comd^y this Division. I was sent for to give a statement of facts in regard to the case. Lt Chandler was captured at the same time, he had partial leave to be gone from Camp, I gave a statement of facts to the Genl. and expressed a wish that they might not be discharged from the Service also told him that Capt. P. was a fine officer, that his loss would be great to the Regt. I should have recommended before this, but have been hoping Capt. P. would return, and get reinstated, have so kept putting it off until this time, I felt in hope you would send us a few conscripts so that we could have our Rolls increased enough to entitle us to our full quota of Line Officers, and I will now say if you intend to keep this Regt. in the Field that there must be some recruits sent on to us, the Regt. cannot hold its organization with what recruits there are now in it. I think there are not more than one hundred who will not be mustered out on the 24th of June as the present term of enlistment of the Regt. expires at that time, I presume the most of the officers now in the Regt. will be mustered out on the above date. in the next quota of 7500 we hope to get recruits enough to entitle us to our full

quota of Line Officers as that number will preserve
the organization of the Regiment.

Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

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