

Maj. M. M. Gould relating
to election of So. ^{Gov} Poland as Orsign
1-1-8

In Council Apr. 23. 1840.
Rep. to the Court on Military
Affairs -

Att. J. C. Johnson, Sec. of State
Secretary of Finance
Mason

Adjt. Gen. L.
Messrs B. Thompson Esq.

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Abner B. Thompson Esq
Adj. General 3

Dear Sir,

At the election held on this day
in the B. Company of Infantry, 1st Regt 1st Brig. 8th Division,
a noncompus by the name of Joseph Newland was
elected Ensign of said Company, he having a majority
of all the votes thrown. I am well satisfied that said
Newland is incapable of discharging the duties of the
office, and would therefore recommend that he be
not commissioned, and that Eleazer Coburn,
(who received the next highest number of votes) be
commissioned without further delay, as I am fully
convinced, that an order for another election, would
only produce a similar disgraceful result to the
one already had.

Very respectfully Your ob. Servant.

Moses M. Gould, Major

1st Regt 1st Brig. 8th Divisⁿ

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