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Dear Sir. About a week ago I had a conversation with Brig Gen^l L. Thomas Adj^t Gen^l U.S. Army. He told me he had great difficulty in getting Captains & Lieutenants for his Reg^t of colored troops. You may probably recall the fact that Gen^l Thomas has organized some 60,000 colored troops in the West. He organizes them independent of any of the military Boards, which examine officers for commissions, in col^l troops; appointing whom he may see fit & not suspecting them to an examination. I took the liberty of suggesting to him that there were many valuable officers ^{who had been} ~~been~~ ^{given} in our Reg^t which had been mustered out, officers who desired to remain in the service & for whom places could not readily be found in existing State organizations. I also said

I thought you could recommend many
such. The Gen^l desired me to write
you & say that he would appoint to
Lieutenancies or Captaincies in the colored
troops. Officers who had held these positions
in the Maine Reg^t. who you could
recommend. & who also could get
recommendations from their former Reg^t
or Brigade Commanders. These officers
need undergo no examination for the
position when recommended by you &
their former Military Commander. The
Gen^l will issue commissions to them
of the same grade as those they
formerly held & perhaps one grade
higher. His address is

Brig Gen^l L Thomas
Adj^t Gen^l U.S. Army
Washington D.C.,

I am Your Excellency

With great Respect-

Y^{rs} H. J. Adams

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Col &c.

In the field.

Nov. 1. 1864.

Thomas, Capt H. G.

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My dear Capt Thomas
Ctly's & Mr. W. C.
Washington D. C.
Dear Mr. W. C.
With great respect
Yours
W. C.