

Prof. Chamberlain
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Hon. Israel Washburn:

I beg your
Excellency will understand that
these mortifying reports in regard
to my appointment, did not come
from me in any way that I can
imagine.

To Genl. Howard alone, in
a private conversation, I stated
that though it was scarcely probable
that a new Regt. would be raised,
yet in case it should be, I had
received the impression that you
thought favorably of my having
it, and I asked the Genl. what
I had better do in the mean time.

To others I had, of course,
every notice to maintain a dis-
crete silence, as to the result

of my visit to Augusta.

I hope your Excellency will not be as disturbed as I am, at these reports and contradictions which are so embarrassing and injurious to me.

I do not know any way in which I am to blame for them, and I only hope that at some time I can overcome their mortifying effect by actual service in the field.

I am persecuted with applications and propositions, but I urge all I see to enlist at once in the first Regt. they can find.

We had a good meeting Saturday, and the effects of it are very evident in this slow town.

Very truly,

Your Excellency's obed^t. serv^t.
J. L. Chamberlain.

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Says he is not responsible for certain rumors in circulation