

Head Quarters 9<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863.

To His Excellency Horner Coburn  
Governor of Maine.

Dear Governor,

According to the understanding I had with you when I left Augusta I take the earliest opportunity after my return to inform you of the state of affairs in regard to the officers of this Regt.

We have now four Captains in command of their Companies - four first Lieutenants & two second Lts. acting as Captains - five second Lieutenants and four sergeants acting second Lts. - most of the second and acting second Lts. of course are actually acting as first Lts. Leaving eleven vacancies in the Line.

The Colonel is not prepared, I believe, to recommend candidates for all these vacancies at present. The cases with which he appears to be satisfied, and in which I entirely concur, are the recommendation of Lieut. Fitch of Co "E." as Captain of Co. "D." Lieut. Land of "G" as Capt of Co. "H." or "B.", and second Lieut. <sup>Co "A."</sup> Billings as first Lieut of "D" & second Lieut. Morrill of Co "B." as first Lieut. same Company.

The sergeants appointed to act as Lieutenants are the following.

1. Sergeant Chamberlain Co "I." appointed by the Col. acting 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. of Co "D" Nov 20 1862.



2. Sergeant Lincoln co "A" acting 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut co. "F"  
Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1862
3. Sergeant Major Keene acting 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. co. "A"  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1862.
4. Sergeant Plumer co H. acting 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut co. "C."  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1862

These officers have all been constantly on duty in the above capacity since their appointment & having given entire satisfaction, have been, I believe, recommended by the Col. for your Excellency for promotion.

Upon the appointment of Lieut Sand of co "G." as acting capt. of co "H." sergeant Chamberlain was transferred by order of the Col. to act as first Lieut of co "G." agreeably to the request of Capt. Spear, and he has since been acting in that capacity.

The good conduct of all the above named officers on the battle field as well as upon other occasions has led to their appointment to the positions in which they now act, and the granting of their commissions for these places would be no more justice to their merits, than a benefit to the Regiment.

I hope the recommendations already made will meet your entire approval, and receive early attention for the sake of the well-being of the Regt. My letter is, I fear, too long; but I wish to give you a clear idea of what we need



other vacancies can be filled whenever you shall judge it necessary or proper.

Hoping that by our continued good conduct your Excellency may have a better opinion of us than you were pleased to express to me, and believing that the good name we hold in the army will before long reach our home in the State we honor,

I am with the highest respect,  
your friend & servant,  
A. Maucklein,  
Lieut. Col. 2<sup>d</sup> Maine Vols.



Col Chamberlain 20<sup>th</sup>

Feb 25, 63

About 1000 in Regt.

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