

Albany June 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

General,

I have the honor to state that on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. H. C. Loomis Lieut. Col. of my Reg't resigned his commission and withdrew from the service. The Regiment is now in command of Dan. B. Allen Maj. I am myself incapacitated from assuming the command having been wounded in the late engagement at Chancellorsville, nor am I in a condition to recommend to His Excellency a successor to Lieut. Col. Loomis, being a prisoner, and upon parole; but I respectfully request permission to make a few unofficial suggestions concerning the filling of vacancies in my Reg't before the matter is finally disposed of by you.

According to regular gradation Maj. Allen is of course next for promotion, and I am confident that his appointment to the Lieut. Colonelcy will give entire satisfaction to the Reg't.

Capt. L. D. Warner is by commission the ranking captain of the Regt. and I know of no reason why any other officer should be selected for the majority in preference to him. he is a faithful, intelligent and gallant officer.

Lieut. Wm. F. Chapman fought at Chancellorsville under my own eye and I can vouch for his gallantry. He is, I think, the ranking 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. in the Regt. and has always performed his duty cheerfully and well. His promotion to a captaincy would give me much pleasure.

As to the minor vacancies I do not propose to make them the subject of this communication; unless specially requested to do so. I am in possession of the views of Maj. Allen, the present Reg'tal commander, as to promotions generally, as well as those of other officers, and I will state the same to you should you deem such course proper under the present circumstances.

I would respectfully suggest that the regiment is in need of its complement of officers, several having been wounded in the late engagement, and others displaced from duty by illness.

Hoping that there is no impropriety in addressing you this communication at the present time and under existing circumstances,

I am General, Very Resp'y  
Your obt. Servt.  
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