

COMPANY D.

Captain, JOSEPH L. McALEER.

Lieutenants.

JAMES S. FRANKLIN.

J. T. BUSSEY.

S. T. McCULLOUGH.

COMPANY E.

Captain, JOHN W. TORSCH.

Lieutenants.

WILLIAM J. BROADFOOT.

W. R. BYUS.

JOSEPH P. QUINN.

COMPANY F.

Captain, A. J. GWYNN.

Lieutenants.

JOHN W. POLK.

DAVID C. FORREST.

JOHN G. HYLAND.

Before the formation of Gwynn's company General Steuart was anxious to have the battalion fully organized by the election of a Major, but not being entirely satisfied as to the course he should pursue in the matter, he addressed the following communication to the Secretary of War :

HEADQUARTERS, WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, October 13. 1862.

General George W. Randolph, Secretary of War :

General :—I have the honor to state there are now here five fine companies of the Maryland Line, over five hundred men. Another is rapidly forming, and I hope there will soon be a full regiment. In accordance with your instructions, I had an election for Major, and Captain James R. Herbert, of Company C, was elected. This leaves a vacancy, and I would like to know whether it is to be filled by election or promotion, as Paragraph 5, Special Orders, No. 186, Adjutant and Inspector-General's Office, which disbanded the old First Maryland Regiment, states :

“The members thereof, with all other native and adopted citizens of Maryland, desirous of enlisting into the service of the Confederate States, are invited to enroll themselves into companies, etc., the officers of which are to be elected.”

In the present case none of the company officers have sufficient experience to fill the post of Captain, and it would be better to get some eligible person. Will you be kind enough