

Supt. of Recty. and we succeeded and with little or no trouble to you, or expense to the Govt. or State — I think I am entitled to some credence at your hands, and if I have done wrong or erred, I dont know what in — if I am out of grace and power, or in any way distasteful to the authorities of my State, my Commission will be placed at your disposal, though it would be to me an act I would dislike and against my wish and feelings — I feel the necessity of having the Lt. Col. and Major, and I am sure Gov. you will admit the same. The Regt. is doing heavy duty and detached, and requires these officers — Give me the nominated Lieut. Colonel and we can get along, and while no one desires the Muster out of the Major, he holds his position and receives his pay — under all conscience as much as he could claim — if he was fit for duty his nomination would have been made, and no movement was made to make or supply Hollands resignation until some months after Blumenberg was wounded — since Dec. Holton has acted as Lt. Col. Lt. Spring was assigned to Company D. as Capt. in his place — Rothrock as 1st Lt. in his, and sergt. Smith in his — all the places of the Regt. are filled and commissioned by you except these — What is now to be done and how are the places to be vacated? — Had his appt. been rejected or made, or notice given me this could not happen. It places me in a serious and embarrassing position, and I am worried. You gave me to understand my nominations & promotions should be respected and commissioned — and I sent the names of vacancies as they occurred. I respectfully submit for your consideration and will bow with great respect to your order and authority — I have but one feeling and that is the good of my Regt. and the Service and State. I ask pardon if anything should appear as out of place or ill tempered. I feel a little worried I confess, at the position I am placed in, and cant see clear or how my officers are to get out.

With great Respect

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Sir:

I have just received yours of 12th Inst. and take the earliest opportunity of replying to it. — You say that it would appear from the Rolls of the Pay master that Major Blumenberg has been appointed Lt. Col. of the Regt. and paid as such up to the 31st Dec. I know nothing of course of the Pay masters proceedings, but am pleased to hear that he has not forgotten Major Blumenberg, and cannot exactly understand how the paying him as an officer of any grade should be a cause of complaint to any one else — Major Blumenberg has not been appointed Lieut. Colonel,