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Chas P. M. Swaine  
Cinc Nov 11. 1861

Cinc. Nov. 11. /61

My dear Sir -

Unhappily I am  
supposed to have some in-  
fluence at work - What a  
mistake! But I will do what  
my friend Mr L'Hommedieu  
asks of me - that is, write you  
concerning the application of  
his son - in law J. J. McCann  
(the papers  
now in the office of Mr Cameron)  
for appointment as Paymaster  
Company, or Assistant Quarter  
Master, or Captain in the  
Army - The application is

These Papers

backed by the Governor - Senator  
Wade - Congressmen Girdley, Judge  
Dwan, Story, & Hoadley - W. D.  
Groesbeck & J. H. Groesbeck (his  
uncle) & many others -

Mr. Moore is a man of business  
education & habit - & considered  
worthy of what he seeks - I think  
he is a drilled volunteer - not  
an recruit - My poor name is  
humbly added - but he has  
enough without it -

When I applied to Mr. Cameron  
for a Captaincy for my nephew  
Francis McWhain, I sought  
no help of names - I trusted  
to what he had said - & moreover  
felt that I was paying him a  
compliment in trusting a case

to its merits, for I imagined  
he would trust me as to them.  
If I had produced political  
names - perhaps I should have  
succeeded - A fine officer with  
a military experience of seven  
years, faith - men, without  
knowledge enough to drill a  
company's guard - & who have to  
be drilled by sergeants, get  
captaincies plenty -

I look for some dispatch or  
letter from you to-day about  
the English matter -

Yours affectionately

Chas. P. McWhain

Don't forget - Post Chaplaincy at  
Gallipoli & Mr. Badger (Rev. Roman  
Badger, Shelbyville Ky) for it -