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Head Quarters 11th Reg^t Va.
Camp near Belle Plain, Va.
March 21st 1763

Dear Cousin:

It came into my mind
to day that it might be possible that
you could render me some assistance
about now by making favorable men-
tion of me to the Governour as there
are now seven or eight vacant com-
missioned Offices in this Regt. And
for one of which I have undoubtedly
been recommended by the Colonel
and this, as he has gone to Maine and
intended so to do. The recommenda-
tion of the Colonel ought to be sufficient
of course, and as Serjt Major, I am
the first enlisted man in the line of
promotion, - but it frequently happens
that the recommendation of a man's

friends at home is of as much importance
to him as that of the Commanding Officer
of his Regt.

As it would do no harm, and per-
haps be of service to me, I should like
to have your recommendation to the Governor
for a Lieutenantcy in this Regiment.

I think in case of any promotion, that
Thomas Hopkins, at present serving as
Clerk, would be selected to fill the va-
cancy, and who, by the way, performs
his duties as Clerk to the satisfaction of all
concerned.

As for news, I have none to write you.
The Army of the Potomac seems to be in the
midst of a calm, preparatory, I suppose,
to the great storm of coming battles.

The men are in good spirits and feel
confident of success when we again meet
the enemy. My love to all, and
believe me, truly and Affly, Your Cousin,
James D. Mayfield

St. Augustus, N.S.
P. S.

There are vacancies existing now
in Companies A, B, C, H & K

There are two lieutenants to appoint in Co. "A",
and that is the Company to which I belonged
before I was appointed Serjt. Major.
J. D. M.

Leichtmaj. Maxfelds. 16^{tes}

Mars 21, 1868,

fur Promotion —