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Head Quarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Infy N.Y.V.  
Fort Mifflin, Muncie Pa, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1862

Dear Genl.

The Majority in this Regt is, or soon will be, vacant, and I wish to say a word in regard to its being filled, knowing that what you may say or do about it will have much influence with the Governr.

Smith has received a Commission, & accepted the same, as Lt. Col. of the 5<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Forces, but has not resigned (formally) his position of Major here - or at least his resignation has not been rec<sup>d</sup>. by Genl Dix, probably owing to inadvertance on Smith's part.

Capt. E. S. Floyd, the senior Capt. in the Regt, wants the position when it is vacant, and ought to have it - He has been with the Regt ever since its organization, and is well qualified for, & would make a good Maj. - He is the only officer at all calculated (among the line officers) to fill the place - I have heard within a few days that Capt. Mulford (3<sup>rd</sup> in rank) is trying very hard to get the position of Major - and I want through you to enter my protest against his having it. He is too

Much after the Smiths kind, to make it at all  
desirable to have him in the Field. (And God Knows we  
have had enough of that kind of men so far.) without  
Smith's assistance.

Floyd is not every thing  
I could wish, but is in every respect preferable to the  
other man. And if possible, I want you to block  
Mulford's game, and help Floyd to the promotion  
he is justly entitled to. A few words from you in  
his favor, will I think set the matter all right.

I am writing this letter without his or any other  
person's knowledge, and simply because I think  
it for the benefit of the Regt that he should, and that  
Mulford should not, have the promotion I speak of.

Will you do me the favor to do what you can for  
Floyd. He has friends at work in Albany (so has  
Mulford) but may want all the help he can get. I  
however do not wish to be known in the matter.

Col. Bedford is now in N.Y. but probably will have  
left before this reaches you. I suppose of course that  
you saw him. Ask Gardner if he received  
a letter from me about 5 or 6 weeks since.

Let me hear from you when you have time.

Very truly yr  
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