

Camp 159th Regt. N.Y. SVols.
Thibodaux La. Jan 11th 1864

Dear Father,

I have only time to write a few words to you to ask you to use your influence with Gov. Seymour.

Edward says he forwards by this mail an application to the Governor for my promotion to Captain of Co. "A" and would suggest that you should send to the Governor, using all the influence you could to get me the position. He says the Gov. is making outside appointments to the regiment & unless an application is backed by some political influence it is useless to forward it. I guess if uncle Daniel writes to the Governor in the matter, that he will consider the application favorably, & forward me my commission. Edward says the matter had better be attended to at once, or some outsider will be poked in over me.

Our Lieut. Col. has resigned & intends going into business down here. Capt. Lewis who took home the bodies of our officers who were killed, has been promoted to Major of the 176th N.Y. Joe Stephenson's old regiment, & another of our officers has his resignation in, so you see we are having fewer officers every day.

There is no news at all. It still continues wet & cold, with little prospect of a clearing up.

I have been suffering with a severe head ache, which is my excuse for this scrawl & it's brevity.

Give my love to all at home.

I remain

Your Affectionate Son

Frank.