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(Copy) Falmouth Va. Dec. 29th 1862 My dear Sir:

I feel it an act of duty to call to your attention the services of Col. E. Cross of the 5th N.H. Volunteers.

The conduct of that regiment in this war has been heroic. In the most prominent battles it has been highly distinguished, so much so that their history will never be complete without a mention of its prowess. No regiment in the world has performed its duty more nobly. To the Colonel much of the honor is due-he has disciplined his regiment-given it tone-he always led it when present with it.

The 5th N.H. Vols. should be sent home to recruit (it numbers less than 100 bayonets for duty) and the Colonel should be made a Brigadier General.

If the government will promote such men, fill up encourage and cherish such regiments as his, we can subdue the South and put down this rebellion.

Col. Cross was wounded at "Fair Oaks" at "Antietam" and at "Fredericksburg" that he has not been in all battles with his reg't is fully explained by that record.

I am sir Very Respectfully, Your obd't Serv't,

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Wif'd S. Hancock Brig. Gen. Command'g Division

To Hon. John P. Hale U.S. Senate Washington D.C.

Hd. W 5th N.H.Y. Dec. 30th '82

Colonel:

Capt Cross wishes me to inform you that he was sent for by Gen. Hancock and he (Gen. H) directed that the above with the other enclosed copy should be forwarded to you and that the Gen. himself would write you in a few days.

Very Respectfully, Your Obd't Serv't E.H. Marston Reg. Clerk Col. E.E. Cross.