

Ellicottville N.Y.
Feby 20, 1865

General

I have the honor to recommend that the following promotions be made in the 154th Regt NY Vols viz

1. Lieutenant Colonel Lewis D. Warner to be Colonel vice P. H. Jones promoted to Brig Genl. U.S. Vols.
2. Major Harrison Cheney to be Lieutenant Colonel vice L. D. Warner promoted
3. Captain Alfred W. Benson to be Major vice Harrison Cheney promoted

Since my arrival in the State I have learned of my own promotion to the rank of Brigadier General U.S. Volunteers. I shall accept the promotion tendered me thereby leaving a vacancy for Colonel of my Regiment and I know that Col Warners soldierly delicacy will deter him from calling the advancement justly due him. Therefore I desire to relieve him from any embarrassment at the matter, and respectfully [request] that he be commissioned as Colonel, feeling that the Regiment could be left in no better hands than his, and that he deserves all the honors which His Excellency the Governor may see fit to bestow upon him

Major Cheney though recently promoted is one of the original Captains of the Regiment—he has frequently [been] in action and is a worthy man deserving well of the Country and his State.

Capt Benson has been selected by the almost unanimous vote of the Regiment as its Major. I heartily concur in the selection, and recommend him to the consideration of your department

I am General Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
P H Jones
Col. 154 N.Y Vols

To
Brig Genl W. A. Irvine}
Adjutant General
Albany N.Y.