much after the Smith's 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 Smartness. 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 this favor to do what you can for Floyd. He has friends at work in Albany (so has Mulford) but they want all the help he can get. I however do not wish to be Known in the matter.

Col. Alford is now in Nyc but probably will have left before this reaches you. I suppose of course that you saw him. Ask Gardiner 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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