

Mayville N.Y.

Oct. 11th 1887

To the President—

Sir:

I suppose any one may properly make a suggestion. As there seems to be some doubt as to what should be done with the Pension Office, why not promote the Chief Clerk?— He is unquestionably the best suited man in the Office; has a splendid army record as a subaltern; is a man of remarkable tact, infinite patience, the most perfect courtesy, and thoroughly unobtrusive without being in the least subservient, and who in the whole fifty or so years of his life has never once opened his mouth in order to put

his foot in it.

Permitting me only to offer a suggestion, I venture to assert that the most capable efficient and in every way satisfactory Pension Commissioner who ~~can~~ that could by any possibility be selected, is Abiel W Fisher of North Carolina, former a resident of Vermont, Captain in a Vermont a graduate of Dartmouth, a lawyer by profession, Captain in a Vermont Regiment. A man who never sees interest counts upon "excuses" for temperance, who has been ^{seventeen} years in the pension office — first of them as Chief Clerk — without I believe being absent a day without leave, and a quarter of an hour

