

Washington D.C.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

I cheerfully give this testimonial to Mr. James H. Nichols late 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut in the 20<sup>th</sup> Regt. Maine Vols, who intends to apply for a position in the Cavalry service.

Mr Nichols was at considerable personal expense in raising his company in the 20<sup>th</sup> Regt. and failed to receive the appointment he expected. He has shown himself an earnest and brave officer. I have often been obliged to notice his special service and gallantry.

As he has now left the Infantry service & wishes to enter the Cavalry, I cordially wish him success. On many accounts I think him peculiarly fitted for the Cavalry arm, where his personal courage and enterprise would have more scope.

Justice to a brave man demands this testimonial.

J. L. Chamberlain  
Colonel 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Vols.



Washington, D. C.

March. 10. 1864.

Chamberlain, Col. J. L.

<sup>4</sup> Recommends Lieut J. K. Nichols  
for Com. in Cavalry

4 Enclosures