

Bates
Norridgework Nov. 6th 1820

Dear Governor, As making apologies
winns a conscious info of wrong, I shall
not trouble you with any, when I ask
your attention to the office of Judge of Probate
as it is now filled in Somerset.

I take it to be conceded, that when
a very large majority of the citizens wish
for the removal of any Public Officer, and
there is no earthly reason for his being
retained except his being an incumbent;
a change may be safely made to say the least.

That this is the state of Judge McLellan's
case, I have not a single doubt —

Should yourself & honorable council
think proper to make a change in this
department, I can say that Warren Boston
Esquire will meet the approbation of as
large a proportion of our citizens, as any
man amongst us, as I believe —

His personal and legal qualifications
being perfectly well known to you, need
no comment from me —

I think there will not, at present, be an
application for any other; of this, of course, I can-
not be certain; but have heard no one men-
tioned —

You have much reason to felicitate
your self on the almost unequalled sat-
isfaction, which the two appointments
already made, has given; and I sin-
cerely hope, whatever changes, it may
be thought proper to make, will be
equally judicious.

Accept, Dear Sir, assurances of my
most sincere regard for yourself &
Excellent Family.

James Bates

William Ring Esq. &c.

Paid 17th

William King Esquire
Governor of Maine
Portland.

Wm. Parker to the
Judge Probate