

Somerville Mass. Aug. 28. 1861

My dear Sir

George W. West formerly of this town has twice held a Com^d of Lieutenant in the Military Co. under my command, and has also held the same Com^d in the Boston City Guards. He is now engaged in lumbering operations with his father at Fish River Me. and is anxious to raise a "Company for the War." He to be the Captain. He has written to me to recommend him to you - and I do recommend him for a Captaincy with great confidence - and this too after much experience of his skill and ability. In short he is a real soldier; with much talent, and

experience to render his success as
a Commander certain. I will guarantee
his success!

Very Truly Yours Olt Sert.
and friend.

Geo. O. Prastow
Capt. Co. I. 5th. Regt.
Map. & Mil.

To His Excellency
J. Washburn Jr. Gov. of Maine

Several years acquaintance with Sert. Geo. W.
West has given me much confidence in his
military talent - and I heartily concur in Capt.
Prastow's recommendation for him for a Captain.

H. W. Kays Capt USA

Capt. Kays was Major of the Map. 5th for
last year. and at "the War," till he rec'd the
appt. of Captain in the U. S. Army

Geo. O. Prastow

Boston August 29th 1861.

Having been associated with Lieut
West for several years & most
chiefly concern in the foregoing
recommendation of Capt Geo. O. Barton
J. T. Barri

Capt USA late Capt. 5th Regt. Vt.

Capt. Barri was associated with Lieut.
West in the Boston City Guards - was adjutant
of our 5th Regt at the seat of War. till
he was appointed a Captain in the U.S.
Army.

Geo. O. Barton

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Brastow, Geo. O.

Recommends Geo. W.
West for Captain in
Me. rds

2 Enclosures

Geo. O. Brastow
in behalf
of Chic & West.