

Augusta March the 25<sup>th</sup>

To his Excellency the Governor of  
Maine, Dear Sir.

I have taken the liberty of address-  
ing you in behalf of Sergt John Mc-  
Donald of Co 16<sup>th</sup> Me Regt  
praying if you have any Vacancy  
you will give him a commission.  
you will find him well qualified  
and he will do honor to your  
choice. Lieut Maymouth is  
acquainted with him I think. I  
could talk better then I can write.

but you will know.)  
I think he will be thank-  
— full for a commission in  
any Regt where you will  
be pleased to place him  
hoping you will pardon  
the liberty I have taken and  
grant my prayer.

With many thanks I close  
this note from yours obligee,  
S. Elmes