

Head Quarters, 16th Maine Regiment
Camp near Belle Plains, Va.

To His Excellency, Hon. Oliver Dowry

Governor of the State of Maine.
We, the undersigned, Field, Line and Staff Officers of the
16th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, would most respectfully rep-
resent to your Excellency that we are personally acquainted with
Sergeant Elias A. Locke of Co. D. 16th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry
and know him to be a worthy, upright, and honorable young man
and a most excellent soldier, and in our opinion is entitled to, and
would worthily fill a more responsible office than the one he now
holds. He has at all times during his connection with this Regiment
manifested an interest in its welfare, and has ever been prompt
and efficient in the performance of his duties. Believing that
his promotion would confer honor upon his native State, we
would earnestly recommend his appointment to a Lieutenant
in one of the colored Regiments being raised for the support of
the Government, he having expressed a willingness to
serve his Country in that capacity.

Wm. H. Tilton

Co. Capt. 16th Me. Inf.

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