

Barnstable July 17. 1852

Wm. Israel Washburn

My Dear Sir

Prof. J. S. Chamberlain of our college has finally consented to leave his present situation to serve his country in her need - we are all here very much gratified though we shall deeply regret his loss, the boys are full of enthusiasm and so are the old men I need not tell you the Prof is a gentleman and scholar but let me say that he is a man both of energy and sense and in our opinion is as capable

of commanding a brig  
as any man out of  
a West Point graduate.

The young men who  
have graduated here  
would rally round his  
standard as they  
would round a hero.

I trust, and I speak  
for all your friends here,  
that you feel induced  
to appoint him to  
some honorable position.

With my warmest  
sentiments of regard  
& esteem

I am your  
Obedt Servt  
John S. Seneca  
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Brunswick, Me.

July 17. 1862.

Lincoln. John D.

Recommends. Prof J. L.  
Chamberlain for suitable  
position in Mc Vols