

Calais 13th Sept 62

Israel Washburne
Governor State of Maine

The Company raised in Calais & Robbinston
have started in part this day for
Head Quarters The remainder tomorrow
They have elected their Officers this day
In that Company there is a young
Man in whom I feel a deep Interest
I am desirous that he should be appointed
Quarten Master of the Regiment
I think him well qualified to discharge
the duties of that Office He has given
up a lucrative business & with very
good prospects for the future has
devoted himself to the service of his
Country in this the Hour of her Peril
He is man who understand keeping
accounts & is a good Person Temperate
in his habits & unexceptionable in his
Character He is a Man of energy

a directness of purpose which he has shown by his works. He in early life was deprived of his Father Lebbeus Bailey of Portland who left but little property. He has been obliged to assist in the support of his mother & a large family of Brothers & Sisters. His great anxiety is for ~~his~~ mother & younger Brothers who are suffering & stand in need of his assistance. He is desirous of obtaining an Office the emoluments of which would enable him to aid his Mother in her declining years. I know that you will be inclined to do for this young man all you can to enable him to effect this praiseworthy object if you find upon examination that he is competent to discharge the Duties of the office he seeks at your hands.

The name of the young Man is Signar C Bailey a Private in the Company which is commanded by Capt Taylor of this City. I can only say that the appointment of this young Man will be considered as a personal favor to
your friend
George Downes