

Rockland yorey 16th 1861

Gov J Washburn

Dear sir

I write you for the purpose of soliciting your influence to secure an appointment of 1st Lieut. in the U.S. Regular Army of my son Julius B. Litchfield who is now 2d Lieut. in Comp B, 4 Regt Maine V. M., now in V.A. — He was 22 years old last July, 6 feet 2 1/2 high, & sound always enjoyed excellent health, & I hope will make an efficient officer. —

Gen Wm H. Titcomb will write you about him so you can understand that he is a fit person for such an appointment — & if necessary will send you other letters, if you will take the trouble to write to our senators, or via president Hamlin, or any other way you think proper, that he may secure such appointment, your endeavours will be duly appreciated, & much oblige yours truly. —

Benj Litchfield jr

Rockland, Me.

July 16. 1861

Litchfield, D.

Solicits aid in procuring an
Appointment in Reg Army
for his son

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