

Fort Ripley, Maryland,
February 27, 1863.

Hon Abner Coburn,
Governor of Maine:

Sir:

Sergeant Albert G. Abbott
of Company B. of our regiment, has, this afternoon, called
to ask me to recommend him as a suitable person to
be appointed a Lieutenant in one of the regiments of
persons of African descent, soon to be raised.

Having a favorable opinion of his general character
as a soldier, I have in conversation endeavored to
ascertain whether his opinions and feelings fitted him
for the peculiar work which he wishes to enter; and the
interview over, I name him to your Excellency as in
my opinion a suitable person to be entrusted in part
with the performance of the great work of turning
late slaves into free soldiers of our Republic.

Your obedient servant,

Thomas W. Talbot, Lieut. Col. 1st Maine
Heavy Artillery.

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Talbot Col T. H.

Recommends Sergt. Abbott
1st Md. Hea. Art. for promotion