

Machene's March 5, 1863.

Dear Dyer,

Knowing that you are
in a position to ascertain what
can or cannot be done, and
how to do what should be done,
I write you this epistle for the
benefit of Edward M. Yates
of this place, now, & for some
time past connected with the
Republican, as Editor. In con-
sequence of the serious changes
in business affairs, connected with
the war, the patronage in various
ways, of the Republican, has
been so much diminished, that
Mr. Yates's services cannot
longer be paid for - and he will
discontinue his connection with it
in 2 or 3 weeks, or less. He is
a very modest, unassuming

man, of quite respectable talents,
and of unquestionable integrity
& of a strictly sober & temperate
life & conversation. — We are
exceedingly sorry that this change
should be made; but it is one of
necessity & cannot be avoided.

In consideration of the ser-
vice he has rendered, & sacrifice
he has made, we are not only
simply desirous, but exceedingly
earnest in getting for him ~~an~~
a position in the Artillery Reg-
iment of Gallatin, formerly the 18th
— And what we want for him
is a Lieutenant in it, of any
^{in some one of the Companies}
grade. — We understand there is
to be an increased number of
these officers, over that required
for an Infantry regiment — and
some scheme or plan must be
devised by which an appoint-
ment can be secured. — Such

anything has been done & must
be done again. I can stand
any amount of recondemna-
tion or solicitation, which may
be necessary to support the ap-
pointment. I want your aid,
& to have you tell me what
further we must do. It must
be done. Do not for good
sake fail us. - Write me
immediately on the subject, and
"don't say no!" -

Immunhaste Yrs. truly
W. P. S.

Machias Me

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Smith, W.B.

Recommends E.M. Gates
for Lieut 1st Me. Hea. Arty

Wm. B. Smith, Machias, Me.
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