

Portland, September 23, 1861.

Dear Sir:

Upon seeing the announcement this morning that the officers of the regiment of cavalry now raising are to be appointed by the Governor, it occurs to me that I shall do the state some service by recommending to you as well qualified for company officers, Messrs. Wadsworth Phillips and Jarvis C. Stevens who are now engaged in recruiting in this city.

Mr. Phillips I have known for three years,
and for most of that time very intimately,
and under circumstances which have
given me an excellent opportunity to
estimate his military qualities for mili-
tary action and command; and without
troubling you with particular statements,
I am glad to write that I have the cor-
currence of others equally able to judge as
myself in my strong opinion that his
qualities of that kind are of the high-
est order.

With Mr. Stevens my acquaintance has
been not so long; but almost as intimate,
and I estimate his ability very highly. He
is better known in the city; and his

character can be easily certified to you, more easily I think than that of Mr. P.

I believe both of these young men to be in fitness for military command above the average of our officers at present in service.

I write this without the knowledge or suggestion of either of the persons named; and I venture to ask that you will not grasp them by, without allowing me an opportunity of a fuller statement of their merits.

Yr obedient servant,

Thomas W. Lullab

With less opportunity to know these young men
than my brother, I fully concur in all his recommendations,
I have observed them here as the best trained athletes who have
lead the public exhibitions of the Portland Turnverein, and I
know too that they fill positions in the city of trust and responsi-
bility, never conferred upon young men, except those of the highest
character and promise.

My decided opinion is that nothing will more promote the
esprit du corps of a military organization than to select its officers
from the ranks of the cultivated young men of character and

recent position like Phillips and Stevens

With highest esteem, Antypus

Geo. F. Talbot.

Recommending
Candidate Officers

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Wm. H. Talbot
Portland

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Recommends Walstein
Phillips & Jarvis E. Stevens
for appointment in Cavalry