

Ellsworth, May 16. 1863

Hon Abner Coburn -

I learn that some new Maine regiments will be shortly raised ~~in our state~~, and that the appointment of the officers will devolve upon you as the Commander-in-Chief of the State. I therefore, would most earnestly and heartily recommend to your notice for a Lieutenant Colonelcy of <sup>one of</sup> such regiments, Wm T. Parker Esq of the Hancock bar, now Lieutenant of Co. C. 1st Maine Artillery.

Mr Parker is a general favorite in this community, and is regarded as a very promising young man. He is strictly temperate, moral and high toned; and what is of great importance in a position now sought for, he is thoroughly patriotic, well read in the text books of the profession, and has a military cast of mind. We should not only esteem it a personal favor to have Mr Parker receive the position asked for, but we think the service would ~~be~~ in a valuable addition, and the Union cause be greatly subverted.

Very respectfully

N. K. Sawyer