

Belle Vue, Va. Aug 30<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Fessenden.

Maj' Fred'k Robbie!

Dear Sir;

Knowing what I do about the appointments of officers of our Maine Regiments and of the character and efficiency of some of those commissioned, I have the assurance to believe myself capable of sustaining the dignity & duties of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in one of our volunteer regiments, & of being of more benefit to the service in such a situation than in the one I now occupy. — to say nothing of self benefit — In regard to officers lately appointed by the Governor, I will mention one. Maj Thomas Hyde of the Maine 7<sup>th</sup> Regt He was in College during my course, beneath

me in clasp & not above me in scholarship, and of my own age. If such as he are worthy of a commission as Major. I certainly ought to receive consideration in application for a mere 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenantcy. Not that I pretend to be fully competent, but that I deem myself somewhat more so than many who receive appointments, and as able to render myself competent as any. Does this seem unreasonable? There are in the 7<sup>th</sup>, men boys whom I left running around the city of Augusta, acting in the capacity of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeants. I claim some consideration on account of education, and profess to be well drilled in the manual of arms, and proficient in the tactics as regards the school of the soldier and the school of the company. I have had experience in a small degree in drilling my own company in these. I might also mention the fact

of my having enlisted as a private soldier (thus showing my zeal for the cause & patriotism) as a farther ~~one~~ consideration. My having been promoted as Corp. & Sergt. is however of small account.

My object in thus addressing you, is of course, to solicit your influence with Gov. Washburn (which I have reason to believe is not small) in obtaining me an appointment.

Hoping the matter will meet with yr approval and a consequent attention, I have the honor to be very respectfully

Yours Ambitiously  
Sergeant C. W. Gardiner  
Co B. 3 Regt  
V. M. M.

Bellevue, Va.

Aug. 30. 1861.

Gardiner C. W.

Solicits promotion

88th Inf.

Dr. Galt.

First Zouave  
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