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Gentlemen.

After much thought and deliberation I have concluded on addressing you upon a subject concerning which have a deep interest. Having been in the army in the service of the United States nearly one and a half years, during a portion of which, had an opportunity of observing the manner in which both parties, the North and South, have carried on the present struggle for the preservation and perpetuation of our glorious, free institutions on one side, and the overthrow of the Government and establishment of the black and debasing institutions of Slavery on the other. Certainly during this time one would naturally gain some impressions, an idea of the duties pertaining to the private soldier, the noncommissioned officers, and the commissioned officers, in a slight degree? Becoming slightly acquainted with you Gentlemen through circumstances of business nearly two years since, and still later, in September last, from the kindness with which you listened and heard my views and ideas of the existing conflict, knowing your generosity, friendship and kindness towards the Union soldiers, I was induced to boldly apply to you begging your assistance most earnestly in my behalf in securing for me through your powerful influence, a Commission in some of the Maine Regiments, which most likely, judging from present indications, will soon be in process of recruiting or formation. You

may think this rather a singular favor to ask of you, but concluding that could do the Government better service in the field, confident, begging your pardon for seeming egotism, of my ability to command and drill to be equal to that of a company officer, occupying that position at times in my old Regiment, and having no intimate influential friends to assist me, am compelled to apply through sources less intimate ~~intimate~~. Please pardon ^{me} for my presumption in making application to you and if this ^{with} meets your approbation grant the honor of your aid.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen
your most obedient servant

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