

Fort Sumner, Md., Md. Dns.

1st - Me. Wg. Artillery, 2^d Brigade,
Defenses of Washington, North of
the Potomac, July 20, 1863.

Hon. Abner Coburn,

Governor of Maine:

Sir:

Lieut. William T. Parker, Co.

C. in our regiment, will, I understand, be presented to you
for a commission as Captain in Co. L. which we expect
soon to be filled ready for organization.

I cordially recommend him for the place. I had
never seen him until we met as officers in this
regiment. But he had been made known to me
some years earlier, at the time of his graduation from
Waterville College, by my particular friend, the Rev.
Dr. Shailer of Portland, who interested me by his
account of young Parker's standing and character.

in college and his graduating year. I had afterwards kept him in mind; and was glad to find him among my fellow officers when I found myself in the military service.

Further acquaintance has not disappointed my expectations of him. He has, as an officer, sustained himself well, and the opinion, which I definitely formed before we had been many weeks in camp, that he had in him the material of a scholarly and highly accomplished as well as very efficient officer is strengthened by what I have since learned of him in conversation and in conduct, and by the feeling towards him of those under his command.

Early rating him as one of the very first of our Lieutenants whose advancement to a Captaincy would increase the efficiency of our regiment. I shall be gratified if your excellency can find a

suitable opportunity to give him his deserved promotion
in the opening suggested.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.

Thomas H. Talbot, Lieut. Col. 1st Me. Wg. Bz.

W. H. Talbot

July 20, 1863

Recd. Lieut. H. H. Foster Co. 6
for Capt. Lieut. H. H. Foster, Co. 6