

Thomaston July 14th 1862

To His Excellency the Governor

Dear Sir

As there is a call
for more Troops to take the field I
would respectfully ask to be authorized
to Recruit for one of the Regiments
about to be raised and also to be
appointed a Lieutenant in one
of the Companies if they are ^{to be} appointed
if not to take the chance of an Election
— I herewith inclose a Letter from
Mr Tinker and Mr Thomas under
whom I have served as a Subord-
-inate Officer for the last Eighteen
Months and if you would like any
further reference I think I can
furnish you all that you would want
from West County the place of my form-
-er Residence —

If you should see fit to grant
me the favour asked I should prefer
to be connected with the 16th or 18th
Regiment — I would also say
that there are some thirty young
men confined in this Prison many
of whom have served a large portion
of their sentence and I have no doubt
would make good soldiers — If you should
see fit to transfer them to the Army
I should like to have them under
my control as I think I could make
them of quite as much service to the
as ~~State~~ ~~as~~ ~~they~~ now are

Your Obedient Servant
H. Long

Thomaston, Me.

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Long. H.

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and a Commission