

Camp near Sharpsburg, October 9th 1862

To his Excellency Governor Washburn

We the undersigned Officers would respectfully recommend William H. Broughton for a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Co. D. 16th Maine Regiment as soon as the resignation of Lieut. H. C. Custis is accepted.

In our estimation he possesses qualities to make an excellent Officer, He is proficient in drill, besides a good moral character

Lieut H. C. Custis

Lieut. H. P. Herrick

P. S. Capt. Rand is very sick in Washington