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Hon Israel Washburn Jr
Gov of Maine
Dear Sir

About the time the 16th Me Regt left the State I had occasion to make particular Enquiries as to the fitness of Wm N Broughton of this City for the position of Second Lieut and I was assured by those who knew him well and who were well qualified to judge - that he was not only well qualified for the position he asked, but that he was competent to command a Company. Lieut Estes - in whose employment he was for some time as clerk - informed me, that he did not know so good a military officer of his age in this State - That he was honest, faithful, energetic, and ambitious. I now learn that he petitions for an appointment as Second Lieut of his Company, Believing him worthy of the position I hope he may succeed in obtaining it

Yours Truly
John Lynch

Cordially concur in the above recommendation
Jedediah Sewell

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Recommends Wm H.
Broughton for promotion
to lieut. in Co. D. 16th Regt Me. V. Inf.

2 Enclosures