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Hon. Washburn Jr,  
Gov. of Maine

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing  
a line to you in relation to the promotion of  
Col. Berry - It is a matter in which  
the friends of the Government in this  
section of the State feel a deep interest.

Few, if any, men in the army from  
Maine, have made greater sacrifices  
of pecuniary advantage, and personal  
comfort, for the good of the Country,  
than Col. Berry - He has done his  
duty, as I believe is universally conceded,  
in the command of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. - which  
could hardly have been raised at the  
time it was - without his name and  
influence. I know with what zeal he  
entered the service, and how unwavering  
his devotion to the cause, in the face  
of great inducements to return home

You are well acquainted with his

services - and with the circumstances  
which press his name upon you in conn-  
-ective with the appointment to be made,

As I understand, it is due to him, by  
rank - We feel, that it is due to his services  
We also feel, that his promotion is due  
to this section of the State - Other sections,  
have been thus honored, and we know  
of no man in the Service better entitled to  
it, on the score of qualification, I believe  
it would tend to promote <sup>confidence and</sup> harmony, and  
give new zeal to the friends of the good  
cause - in this vicinity - May I be  
allowed to express the earnest hope, that  
you will find it compatible with your  
duty, to thus gratify a loyal and loyal  
section of our State

Very Respectfully  
Yours truly

A. P. Gould

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Nov. 2. 1861.

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Recommending Col H. G.  
Berry for Brigadier General

5 Enclosures

Per Recommendation  
of Col. H. G. Berry.