

Fort Sumner, Md.  
December 25, 1863.

It gives me great pleasure to state that  
Capt. W. S. Clarke, 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Artillery, is a  
capable and efficient Officer, well versed in  
military tactics and a thorough disciplina-  
-rian.

Moreover he is a young man of good  
moral character, correct habits and gentlemanly  
deportment.

Daniel Chaplin  
Col 1<sup>st</sup> Reg Maine Artillery

Hd Qrs 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade

Harris River 22<sup>d</sup>

Reg Corps Ft Sum S.C. Dec 29/63

It gives me pleasure to recommend  
Capt Clarke for promotion as a  
capable & efficient Officer.

Lewis S. Morris  
Col 7<sup>th</sup> Me Cav  
Comd.

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Col Daniel Croplin  
1<sup>st</sup> Maine Artillery

Col L. O. Morris  
7<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Art. Bn. Brigade

Lt Col. J. A. Haskin  
A.D.C. Cavalry Division

H. Hamlin  
Vice President U.S.

Recommend Capt  
W. S. Clark 1<sup>st</sup> Me  
Art. for promotion

Headquarters Haskins Division,

22d Army Corps, Department of

Washington, 30 Dec 1863

Capt Clark being an applic-  
ant for a Commission in a  
Colored Regiment, I cordially  
concur in the recommendation  
of his Colonel and Brigade  
Commander

J. A. Haskins  
Lt Col A.D.C.  
Cavalry

I cordially recommend Capt  
Clark for the position of Col  
of a colored Regt - & believe he  
is eminently qualified and  
would make a good &  
capable officer

Dec 30

H. Hamlin  
John W. Hamlin  
M. C.