

Camp Howard Va. Oct. 28th 1861

To His Excellency

Gov. Washburne of Maine

Sir I am
a Sergeant in "E" Co. 3^d Regt. Maine V.M.
have been in it since the Regt. was formed.

I should like to get
a Lieutenant's commission in some
one of the Regts. now forming in Maine

I am I think very well
posted in the drill and as I have been
clerk of the company since we left
Augusta I understand the business
of a company. If you wish for
recommendations of my character I
would refer you to J. D. Prescott Esq.
and State Librarian and E. Rowell Esq.
of Hallowell. Mr. Prescott has also
recommendations as to my ability as
an officer from my Capt. and Maj.
Burt. I should be glad if chance
with Mr. Lamborn should be seized
in raising a company.

With respect Sir I am

J. O. Washburne Gov. Yours obt. Servt. C. M. Kusler

Camp Howard, Va.
Oct. 23. 1861.

Bursley C. M.

Solicits promotion