

Head Quarters 16th Maine Vols
Camp near Belle Plain, Va.

Jan. 6th, 1862.

Dear John Barry

My dear Sir, will you
be so kind as to use your in-
fluence with Gov. Coburn in
behalf of the promotion of
Capt. John E. Wentworth, Co. E,
16th Maine Vols, to the Maj-
orship of said Reg't, in case
of a vacancy occurring by
the promotion of Maj. Fur-
ham. Say what you please
in his behalf and I'll be
responsible. He is one of our
best officers - has had experi-
ence in the service, before -
is the choice of the present
Staff and of a very large ma-
jority of the Line Officers, - and

there is but one Capt. in the
Reg't. the date of whose com-
mission is prior to that of
Capt. Wentworth's, and this
exception takes precedence
by only a few hours.

If you will be so kind
as to comply with my
request you'll do the
service a favor and oblige
Yours Friend,
Bernard Esmond

3 Enclaves

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The sum mends instruction of
Capt. J. E. Wentworth 16th Nov 1863

Esmond. Bernard

Jan. 6. 1863.

Chas. Blair. No.

Benard Esmond,
ent'd by John Berry. Feb 6, '63
Rec'd Capt Wentworth for promo-