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My dear Sir

Enclosed herewith please find a letter addressed to me by B Esmond Esq. Letter of the 16th Reg Maine Vol. in which he desires me to ask you if consistent with your public duties to commission Capt Thos E Wentworth of Co A 16th Maine, Major of said Reg

As I am not personally acquainted with Capt Wentworth I cannot of course speak with any knowledge of his fitness for said place. But of Mr Esmond I take pleasure in saying, that I have known him for many years, as a man of truth & strict moral uprightnes Mr E says to a very large degree the respect & confidence of his fellow citizens & I think you can most fully rely on what he says concerning Capt Wentworth fitness for the place to which Mr E recommends him

I am very truly
Yours
John Berry

Hon A Coburn }
Gov of Maine }

in the Regiment, having at all times performed his duty faithfully as an Officer, and one who has rendered efficient Service as Adjutant, during the sickness of Adjutant Small.

At the Battle of Proctor's Mass, I appointed him to act as Adjutant for the Regt. (Adjutant Small being detailed as Aid to Col. Post, commanding Brigade) which position he filled to my entire satisfaction. During the Engagement, Lieut A. was slightly wounded in attending to the duties assigned him.

Lieut Austin having served some six months in the Seventh Maine Regt. as Lieutenant, has all the qualifications requisite for the position as Captain. For the benefit of the Company and Regiment I earnestly desire that he should be appointed to the situation for which I recommend him.

I have the honor to remain, Gen.
Your Obedt. Serv.
Chas. W. Pitotay
16th Me. Regt.

Recommended for promotion
in 16th Me. Regt.

Childen Col. C. W.

Jan. 31st 1863

W. W. Allen, Captain

St. Louis, 16th

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making room ^s for promotion.