

Camp near Belle Plain Landing
January 27 1863

Hon. Abner Colburn
Dear Sir

Being personally acquainted
with Daniel Marston of Co. C. 16th Me
Regt and knowing him to be
a man of good habits & excellent
qualities for a military commander
& learning the anxiety for his pro-
motion to Major of said regt by
all, do represent him to you as
a man in my opinion well qual-
ified for the position as he is a man
that all soldiers love & obey with pleas-
ure & one who will give better satisfaction
to his Regt & this Brigade than
any other man. I learn by all
that he has always been on duty
& at his post ever ready to bear

The hardships of the Soldiers
life & that he has not an en-
emy in his Regt or Brigade -
he is not one of your intrigues
men seeking for Office but a
Man of Good Sound judgment
& good understanding & one in
Whom we can place the utmost
Confidence & trust & possessor
rare Courage & Coolness and
good judgment at all times.
I pray you therefore to Grant
him the favor of promotion

Respectfully I am

Obedient Servant

Nathan Mayhew

(Commissionary of
1st Brigade Second
Division - 1st Artn
Corps of the Potomac

Bar Abner Cullen
Governor of Maine