

Camp Penobscot,
Augusta, Nov. 27 1861

Gov. Washburn

Sir: - Perhaps I have
already troubled you too much with
my own interests. But I will ask your
patience once more. You know that
my friends have labored in favor of
my appointment as Lieutenant. I
think what little experience of mil-
itary life I have had has fully or
well qualified me to fill such com-
mission as a great many who are
being appointed from civil life.
Now, will you give me a com-
mission in the Light Artillery, or
a place in any other Regt. now form-
ing? I am led to believe you thought
quite favorable of me in connection
with the Lieutenancy of this Company,
& failing in that can you consider
my claims outside in any other
service that will be recruited in
the State? In such case I should
be happy to assist in recruiting,

and most likely with some suc-
cess. The knowledge you have of
me through my friends I hope will
suffice without any further recom-
mendations. Judging from the general
character of ^{our military} officers, I trust I am not
too asking, in asking for a commission.
I will not at present trouble you
with an interview. But will you drop
me a note stating my prospects in
the matter?

Very respectfully

Jos. W. Baillie

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