

Head Quarters, 1st Heavy Artillery, Maine Vols.

Fort Sumner, Md. Jan. 30, 1862.

Hon. Samuel May,

Governor of Maine:

Sir:

Understanding from Col.

Chaplin, that Sergt. Thomas B. Morton, Co. I was to be presented by your excellency for promotion, I beg to be allowed to testify to his fitness to receive a commission.

For some time last year, Co. I. was on detached service at Mason's Island, as guard of the Camp for Drafted Men, D. C. under my command; and the nature of the service required of certain of the non-commissioned officers

very respectfully your obedient servant,

Wm. W. Tallbot, Lt. Col.

brought them frequently under my immediate observation, Sergt. M. among this number.

He gained in my mind a very good estimation for faithfulness, intelligence and efficiency. I thought of him as reliable to accomplish what he was ordered to do. Since our return to the regiment, I have also had unusual opportunity to observe his conduct as an artist; and have been pleased to observe in him the same good qualities there where those qualities are so much to be desired.

A modest, unobtrusive man, he is of that class who are often overlooked, from want of self-assertion, and of influential friends to procure their advancement. Near middle life, it would be harder for him, than for a younger man, to wait for promotion already deserved.

Very respectfully your obedt. servant,

Thos. W. Talbot, Lt. Col.

Fort Sumner, Md.

Jan. 30. 1864

Talbot Col Thos R.

Recommends Sergt Morton
1st Me. Hea. Arty. for promotion

Dr. Col. Talbot
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In favor of S. B. Morton
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