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Bangor October 22, 1861

My dear Governor.

For this and other annoyances,
I beg that you will pardon me.

I have taken the liberty to recommend
to you for appointments in Regiments to be
raised, Capt. Palmer to be a Colonel, and
Mr Conley, to be a Captain or Lieutenant.

These gentlemen are worthy of all that
I say of them in my letters.

And I am exceedingly anxious to
obtain for my son, (William Howard Mills,
Jr.) an appointment in the regular army.

My son is in every way qualified for such
an appointment, and I believe, would fill with
honor any position that he might fill.

If it be possible for you to help him,
you will place me under the greatest obliga-
tion by doing so.

I believe that military men should
be appointed to fill military offices, as
general thing, & not civilians. I refused

to sign the petition of Abner Knowes,
which many of our best citizens did
sign, which in my humble opinion, was
a great imposition on your Excellency, and
the Army. And now one word in regard
to myself. Born in ^{the} world training,
& having made the military a profession
of my life, up to 1846, when the Militia
System was abolished, I should have
been one of the first to leave Maine
after "Sumpter", had it been possible
for me to go. But my private affairs
were such, that it was out of the question,
it was utterly impossible for me to go. Still
I hold myself ready in the Reserve Corps
& shall go, when it shall become necessary.

In the mean time, my business in Nova-
scotia, will call me to England in a few
weeks, & having letters from the Vice President
& many other of our most prominent friends,
shall I be asking of you too much, to give
me a general letter, in your official ca-
pacity? which I will ever regard as a great
favor.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
William H. Mills.

P. S. We had on Monday last, the
best muster that ever took place in
Bangor.

P. S. again. I did not write to Mr
Shepley as suggested by your Excellency.

Bangor, Me.

Oct 22. 1864.

Mc Crillis, N. H.

Recommends A. D.
Palmer for Colonel in
the Vols

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For Palmer's
Certificate.

W. H. M. Crillis
Bangor
Oct 22. 64.