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Fair Lakes, June 14th, 1862.

To His Excellency the Governor of Maine: -

Sir: -

Permitting

in the God of the fatherless and the widow I now appeal to you for a favor, which to me would be of the greatest value. First, in presenting myself, it is due you that I refer you to well known persons concerning my moral, religious and social character. I am happy to have such men as the following to refer to, viz: - Capt. Wm. Singer, Christopher Prince, Bartlett Jackson, Beder Tates, A. P. Gould, Saml. Watts or any other man in Thomaston, Me. who stands high in your estimation. The following military men I would especially refer you to, viz: - Brig. Gen. Berry, under whom I served nine months, when he was Col. of the 4th Me. - Col. Saml. H. Allen; Major J. P. Cilley, if the Lord has spared his life; Col. G. A. Starr of Thomaston, and to any of the officers of the 4th Me. Reg. as I have been with them, a member of Co. E. ever since they started. The object of this note is to beg that you will

see fit to confer upon me the office of 2nd. Lieut.
(I believe this is the smallest office in your gift,)
of some of the new Regs. now forming, and I
pledge myself, with God's help to ever do my
duty in that capacity as I have in that I
now occupy. I flatter myself that I can soon
drill a Co so that its efficiency would in a short
time be apparent, and fittingly tested.

The personal object I have in thus addressing
you is this:— I have a widowed mother and a
grandmother; ^{to support} the house we own has a mortgage
upon it, now held by Manasse W. Smith, this is
a great burden to me, and if you think favorably of
my petition, I hope to be relieved from its pressure
ere long.

I forgot to refer you to Capt. S. C. Whitehouse and Stickland, formerly of the 4th
Me, Hoping you will grant my request I remain
as ever your most humble servant.

Wm. M. Hawthorn,
Co. E. 4th Me. Reg.
Washington, D. C.

To Hon. Israel Washburn
Governor of Maine.

P. S. I am now 22 years of age.

Fair Oaks, Va.
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