

Camp of the 16th Me Vols
Near Belle Plaines Va
March 9th 1863

To His Excellency
Gov Colburn

Dear Sir

Learning that there are
to be a number of Commissioned Officers
appointed from the State of Maine,
to serve in the Colored Regts about to
be raised in the South. And Sergt
John McDonald, of my Co (H) 16th Me Vols
Having expressed a strong desire to enter
such service, I take great pleasure in re-
commending him to Your Excellency, for
promotion, in such Regts.

He has been with the
Regt ever since its organization. And
has proved himself to be a good and
faithful soldier. He was detailed as Color
Sergt shortly after our Regt left "Orlinton
Heights" And has served in that capacity
ever since. He carried the State Colors
at the "Battle of Fredericksburg" And showed
himself bravely, on that fearful day. And
I think he would make a good one

faithful Officer. if He were ever promoted
to such a position

Very most Obedt Servt
Lieut- J. H. Washburn
Comdg Co At 16th Me Vols

We heartily concur in the above & cheerfully
recommend Serg^t McDonald for the desired
position.

Chas. W. Tittem, Co. 16th Maine Regt. Vols

Arch. T. Leavitt, Major 16th Maine Regt. Vols

Belle Plain, Va.

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Washburn, Lieut- J. H.

Recommends Serg^t McDonald
16th Me Vols for Command in Co's Troops