

To The Hon. Israel Washburn Governor of Maine

The Subscribers respectfully represent that Ophens Roberts, ^{of Stockton} a private in Co. I. 4th Reg. Maine V. M., enlisted at Belfast about the first of October 1861 under the order of Lieut. A. W. Gray with the promise and understanding that he would have an office in the company which was to be raised - that after enlisting about forty men, an arrangement was made to form a Co. by joining with a squad raised at Bangor & elsewhere that said Roberts was induced to waive his claim to a Lieutenancy by the offer of the place of first sergeant in said new Co. which went into the 4th Reg as Co. H. He accepted the place and acted as first sergeant and Clerk of said Co H until after it ~~arrived~~ ^{joined} the Reg. in Virginia when without any good reason as we believe he was ~~removed~~ from said place and reduced to the rank of a private and that afterward he was transferred from said Co H. to Co. I of the same regiment. ~~that~~ in our opinion said Roberts is entirely competent to perform the duties of a lieutenant and that we believe that great injustice is done to him by his having been deprived of the office and pay which he had a right to expect and continuing to do duty as a private.

We therefore respectfully ask that your Excellency will appoint said Ophens Roberts to the office of ~~second~~ ^{second} lieutenant
ours

in Co. I of the fourth Regt.
Stockton July 30. 1862

A. G. Hickborn
Robert Hickborn
Wilson Hickborn
J. M. Thompson
Jas P. White
J. W. Roberts
J. I. Tucker
Wm Rust
Wm McGilvery