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1862-07-30 N.G. Hichborn and others recommend Private Orpheus Roberts for promotion to lieutenant

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To The Hon. Israel Washburn Governor of Maine

The subscribers respectfully represent that Orphines Roberts, a private in Co. I, 4th Reg. Maine Vols., enlisted at Belfast about the first of October 1861 under the orders of Lieut. P.H. 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 6th Reg. as Co. H. He accepted the place and acted as first sergeant and Clerk of said Co. H. until after it entered the Reg. in Virginia when without any good reason as we believe he was transferred from said place and reduced to the ranks as 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 clerk 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 Orphines Roberts to the office of second lieutenant one
in Co. 1 of the 4th Reg.

Stockton July 30, 1862

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