

Bethel Oxford Co.

Oct. 14th 1861

Hon I Washburn Jr.

Sir: I have applied to Col. Dow for the position of Quarter Master of the 13th Reg^t, and would respectfully request that you add a word of recommendation in my behalf.

I worked hard to earn a position in the 5th Regiment & after the resignation of Lieut. Merrill, I was appointed Qr. Master by Col. Dummell and the appointment was afterwards confirmed by Lieut. Col. Alsley, and you hold a petition, signed by all the Officers of the Reg^t, that I should be commissioned as Qr. M^r.; also you have in your possession a letter of recommen-

action from Col. Jackson as well as from Dr. Adams.

I acted as Dr. Mm. for more than a fortnight, when the coming of Col. Jackson deposed me, and no other alternative was left me but to serve as a private or come to Miami & secure a position in some one of the New Regiments - this the Col. advised me to do.

I am not above serving as a private, but I really am not-able to bear the hardships; I want to serve somehow, and the Col. has refused to give me a position in his Regt. from the fact that my bill has not been sufficient.

I have neither time nor money to spend in urging my claims at the Capital; I have been busy recruiting ever since I left Augusta, the 24th of last

month, and I simply ask that
justice may be done in my
case.

If I am worthy of promotion I
would again respectfully request
that I might be recommended
to Col. Dow by your Excellency,
and if I am not deserving
I have to no claims to urge.

Most Respectfully

A. B. Twitchell

To

Hon J. Washburn Jr.