

Private

Eastport 30th Oct 1861

To His Excellency Isaac Washburn Jr
Governor of State of Maine

Your Excellency

My Son Chas W Sheward
came and resided in the Town of Eastport.
Being desirous of serving the State of Maine
and the United States, having rendered
his services to Your Excellency, in April last
together with that of others, and at that time
there being as was believed a sufficient num-
ber of men to fulfill the complement required
from this State. Your Excellency answered led
him to believe his services with others would
not be required, In his anxiety to be of some
service to the Country, proceeded to Portland
then enlisted as Orderly Sergeant in the fif-
th Maine Regt. was at the Battle of Bulls
Run, since said Battle, has been acting
Second Lieutenant in said Regt., and feel-
ing desirous of further aiding the Govt.,
has requested me to use my best endeavours
to have him promoted to the rank of a
Lieutenant, in one of the Regiments now
forming or about to be formed in this
State. Believing he can be useful with his
military experience in promoting discipline
Should

Should Your Excellency be pleased to give
him an opportunity, by commissioning
and appointing him in one of the newly
formed Regts or one about to be formed.

Should this my solicitation
meet with Your Excellency's approbation
I will ever feel grateful to Your Excellency
and answer that the duty of my sons
appointment will be sustained.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Faithful Servant
Chas D Shewood,
H. B. M. Consul.