

Promotion of
Seyth. Emmitt
20th Regt.
Judge Siskin
Belfast, Nov. 25. 62.

Gov. Washburn,

I understand
that ~~that~~ the 2^d Lieut. of
Company "G" 20th Regt. has
resigned, and I take the
liberty to recommend
Mr. Edward Simonton
of Searsport. the present
orderly in that company
to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Simonton is a
graduate of Bowdoin
College and has shown
the most devoted patriot-
ism from the earliest
period of this contest, as
well as great aptitude
for the military service.

Being in Boston, on return
from a sea voyage

at the time of Gen. Banks
retreat. he enlisted in the
Mass. 33^d Col. Maggi and
was immediately appointed
orderly of his company - a
position he subsequently
resigned with the expectation
of obtaining a commission
in his native town.

Having, to my knowl-
- edge, been quite unhand-
- some, & deprived of that chance,
in nothing discouraged, he
enlisted as a private in
Company "G" 20th Me. and was
immediately appointed orderly
a position he now holds.
In my judgment this
young man's talents, and
sacrifices to serve his
country, ought ^{to be} and I
doubt not, will be rewarded
by your Excellency.

After all his struggles and
disappoints, it would seem
cruel to disappoint him, and
that he is in the line of plan, and
the object of his ambition
is so near his grasp.

I deem it my duty to
add that Mr. Simonton is
the only son of Dr. Simonton
of Leesport who has been
conspicuous in the Union
cause in this vicinity
from the commencement
of the war. Indeed his
money, services and influence
have been freely given to the
cause of the country.

Having myself but one
son, and he but recently
providentially saved from
death, his horse having
been shot ~~dead~~ under
him ⁱⁿ a hard fought fight

with the rebel cause - I may
perhaps unduly sympathize
with Dr. S. in his efforts
to look after the interests of his
only son. When, as in this
case, these feelings occur in
accordance with the public
interests I know your
excellency, also, will duly
appreciate them.

If the father or the son
had consulted their own
personal ease or private
interests - the young man
would have remained at
home there to enjoy - the
competency - which it has been
the father's fortune to accumulate
by his professional skill. With
them this consideration bore
not a feather's weight - so long
as their country was in peril.

In conclusion I most earnestly
hope you will give the young man
the desired position.
Yours faithfully, J. G. Dickinson