

Leavesport Dec. 4, 1862

Hon. J. Washburn jr.

Governor State of Maine.

Sir -

A few weeks ago I had occasion to inform you by letter that a vacancy would probably soon exist in the 2^d Lieutenancy of Co. G. 20 Reg. Me. vol. and that I desired the place for my son who was then, and is, Orderly of said company. Few days ago I had information that Lieut. Elliot had tendered his resignation, but which had not then been accepted. Desiring to satisfy you that my son ought to have the place, I waited upon you at Augusta, and in your absence left in your department some letters in his favor. - I have later information that the resignation has been accepted, and that a vacancy really exists, though no official notice of the fact nor of how reached you; and herewith I ask to lay before your Excellency a letter signed by a portion of the

Waldo's delegation and by other citizens; as
also a testimonial from Capt Spear of
Company G. 20 Reg. And should the case
come officially before you, as I trust it may
before the expiration of your term of office, - I
beg leave to refer you to those documents, es-
pecially to the letter of Judge Dickerson
who being an intimate acquaintance of my
family knows personally and well the merits
of the case. Other similar recommendations
can be offered, if you require them.

I know not whether this can-
didate will receive the recommendation of
Col. Ames; I think not for two reasons; 1st that
his appointments so far, I believe, have been those
not in the regular line of promotion; 2d Capt
Spear informs him that his "services as orderly
cannot be dispensed with, there being no one
in the company suitable to so well fill the
place" - thus making that an obstacle to
promotion which ought to be its highest recom-
mendation - officer of. Hard indeed would
it be for an aspiring young man, if all his

endeavors ~~to be~~ ~~and~~ ~~to~~ be "faithful &
assiduous," in the language of Capt Spear - are
to be used to his injury? Besides the patriotic
course which the young man has pursued, as you
will learn from Judge Dickinson's letter, -
having myself made large sacrifices to
sustain both the State & national admin-
istrations through all this crisis, in giving to them
defense my only son; in giving to all their
measures my pen and my voice, and largely
of my means in loans and donations, - I
trust and believe your Excellency will ^{not} ~~for~~
~~so determine~~ ~~to~~ ~~appoint~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~with~~ ~~draw~~
ing a Commission from one who, I am sure, has
so much endeavored to discern me. If an
interview be necessary, please notify me.

Very Respectfully

Yours,

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