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J. M. Benjamin

Winthrop, June 23, 1862,

Dear Sir,

I understand that Capt. W. L. Richmond of the 3<sup>d</sup> Reg't, will be suggested to you as a suitable person to be appointed Major of the 16<sup>th</sup> Reg't, now being recruited.

I have known him several years and can recommend <sup>him</sup> as ardent, intelligent, able, and energetic, with a moral character unspicuous and patriotism unquestioned, and in these respects he would bring no discredit on his native State.

Of his military qualifications I am unable to speak from personal knowledge and presume you are better informed on that point than I can possibly be. I will remark however that persons from the seat of war with whom I have conversed,

invariably give him much credit  
as an officer, and members of his  
Company now at home (wounded,)  
speak of his courage, energy and  
ability in the highest terms. His  
conduct in the late battle at "Fair  
Oaks" as represented by those present  
and attested by the casualties in his  
Company entitle him to much  
commendation.

His experience in the field  
for the past year would be of great  
service in fitting the new Regiment  
for life in the camp, and in preparing  
them to undergo with credit to them-  
selves and honor to the State the  
ordeal of battle.

Trusting that the interests of the service  
will enable you to give him the app-  
ointment, I remain with much respect  
To His Excellency } Very truly Yours  
Samuel Washburn Jr. } J. M. Benjamin  
Gov. of Maine }