

Norway, Feb. 3, 1862.

Hon. Israel Washburn,

Dear Sir

The Bearer— Mr. John M. Swift—
I have known well from his early boyhood; he having re-
sided during the early part of his life within a short distance
of my father's, and since that time within the Norway Rep.
District. I take pleasure in saying that, during my ac-
quaintance with him, he has always sustained a good
character; and has always been an active, energetic,
and intelligent young man.

Mr. Swift has devoted considerable time during the
past season in enlisting men in this County, and has
now enlisted himself. I believe him worthy of a com-
mission, and ^{that he} would fill any line officer's position much
better than the average line officers. If there is such
a place open, his appointment would gratify his friends
generally, and especially

Yours obedt. Servt.
Wm. Witherby