

Seward

Camp Near James River

Berkleys Landing

July 10th 1869

Hon Israel Washburne Jr

Dear Sir

Believing you to be one those who are always ready to aid & encourage any young man who tries to rise in the world & who shows a good moral character & is industrious. I have made bold to pen these few imperfect lines in which I have to ask of your hands a favor I am a member of Co A 3rd Maine Regt I have been with the Regt since May 20 1861 I have followed it in all its marches Have been with it in all engagements in which it has participated but have escaped unimpaired. During the last march I was with it all the time & when we arrived at our present encampment there being but two non commissioned officers with the company I was was promoted Corporal. & had justice been done me should have had something better. I feel that after following the fortunes of the Regt so long & doing my duty as best I could I am merit a commission & feel qualified to hold one. I have no Rich or influential friends to present my claims & therefore will have to submit all to you. I present my claim

At this time as I understand more new
Regts are to be raised & organized for the war
I can produce the Best of References as to good
Moral Character & should you be pleased to think
favorably of my request & wish me to produce
Recommendations I will do so should you be
pleased to grant my Request you will do a
lasting favor to one whose sympathies and
Sentiments in Politics are with you Having
voted but once, while in LaCo I voted for yourself
If you will please send me an answer to this
you will confer a favor & greatly oblige

Your Humble Servt-

John L. Little

Co A 3rd Maine Regt

To Hon. Israel Washburn Jr
Governor of Maine

July 10, 1862

Little J. L. 3rd Me. Regt -

Wants Commission in New Regt -

John L. Little

30 Regts

July 10

Com. in new.