

Probate Office  
Alfred June 17. 1863

To His Excellency  
Gov. Coburn,

Learning that the Captain  
of Company No. 20th Regiment  
Maine Volunteers, has resign-  
ed, I take the liberty of writing  
you for the purpose of respect-  
fully and earnestly urging the  
appointment, or rather the pro-  
motion of Lieut. Daniel Stin-  
son to the position of Captain of  
said company. He is at  
present the 1st. Lieutenant  
and has command of the company  
for the time being. I am induced  
thus to bring the matter to your  
attention by the peculiar merits  
of Alex. Stinson and the circum

stances of the case. Mr. Stinson is one of the most esteemed citizens of Bedford, and for years one of the most earnest, efficient, and effective political workers in York County.

At the time of his enlistment he was engaged in a large and prosperous business, but feeling that his country demanded his services he left home and business in obedience to the call.

No man has gone to the war from more patriotic motives than he, and he made the most astonishing pecuniary sacrifice of any man I am acquainted with. He is a gentle man of most exemplary life and character. Since the birth of the Republican party he has contributed time and money with the greatest liberality to the success of the cause.

He is well known throughout this county and has

hosts of friends in every town, who would be rejoiced to learn of his promotion. His friends generally consider his promotion as a matter of course he being at present the 1st Lieut. & in the regular line of promotion, but being extremely anxious that he should receive the appointment as well on account of the justness of the thing as for the political effect in this county, I thought I would bring the matter specially to your attention. Your Excellency will pardon my earnestness in thus urging the matter upon your attention, for though trifling in itself I regard it as of some considerable importance to the party in this county where we need every advantage we can get at the present time.

Sincerely hoping that you

the remainder of your ad-  
ministration may be as  
successful as its com-  
mencement has been aus-  
picious. I am with the  
highest respect

Your Obedient Servant

George C. Knowlton

Rec<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Mason or Capt in 30<sup>th</sup> U<sup>s</sup>

Jan 17, 1863

Geo. C. Knowlton,