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Binger June 23rd 1862

Col J S Hodges

Sr Sir

I take course to call your attention to, and interest you in Joseph W Chamberlin now serving as Corporal in Co A 2^d Maine Regiment

At the time of the first call by the President for troops for 3 months he was in my employ and engaged for one year at \$2 per day but his patriotism forbade his staying at home when his country needed his services and he was among the first that enlisted from this City, and has remained with his Regiment ever since. He has been in all the Battles and Scornishes in which his Regiment has been engaged from Bulls Run to to Honover Court House. I have conversed with several Officers in his Regiment and also with the soldiers respecting him and they all give him the name of being one of the coolest and best soldiers in the Regiment. He is a son of Geo Chamberlin of this City which I presume you are acquainted with. His education is good, with ^{good} address and steady habits. And many of our citizens with me believe he is deserving of a better position than he now holds in the service and desire

That you would use your influence with the
Governor to procure him a Commission in the 16th
or some other Regiment when a vacancy may here
occur. He can if desired procure recommendations from
any or all the line Officers in his Regiment.

I write this believing that if the Governor was
acquainted with his merit he would grant him
a Commission and that Chamberlain will make an
officer that ~~will~~ will be an honor to the State.

Yours Respy
A. Lighten

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Major
Jan 23rd 1762.