

Battand, Oct. 15, 1861.

John S. Hodder,
Adj't. General of Maine:

Sir:

Having some thought
of seeking to obtain a commission in the Corps d'
Afrique, where the officers are classed and service
assigned to them according to their respective
physical condition, I have the honor re-
spectfully to apply for your official re-
commendation to accompany my appli-
cation for authority to appear before the
board of examination for commissions
in colored regiments.

I am very respectfully yours,
most obedient servant,
Thomas A. Talbot,
late Lt. Col. 1st Me. V. I.