

Belfast July 8. 1863.

His Excellency -

Gov. Coburn.

Dear Sir,

I recommend Capt. Richard
J. Ayer of Montville, company
"A." 4th Maine for Major
of said Regt in place of
Major Pitkin, deceased.

Capt. Ayer was one of the
first to enlist, and has served
the country faithfully. He
is unquestionably well
qualified for the position -
With the exception of Capt.
Whitcomb of Jessup's I
understand Capt. A is the
senior Capt.

It is understood here
that Capt. Whitcomb

has been only minutely
in command of his
company - for the most of the
time - since he entered the
service -

Four companies of the
4th were recruited from
this county, and yet
all the regimental officers
aside are Rockland - as I learn.

I think the major
should certainly be appointed
from this county, and that
Capt. Uzer is the man
for the place -

Faithfully

Respectfully J. G. Dickerson
Abner Coburn.

Governor -

J. R. Haseltine
Jos P White
Geo. W. Timbale &