

Camp 20<sup>th</sup> Regt Maine Vols, near  
Falmouth Va Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Mr William Ditcher.

Dear Sir.

I herewith send you three recommendations from different officers of my regt. I should have forwarded them sooner, but was delayed on account of our Regt being ordered out on picket where we stopped four days, and returned to camp late last night. I could have obtained more, but consider those sufficient in addition to your personal knowledge of myself; We have not yet heard from Capt Bangs; But it is here asserted that Capt Bangs has been appointed Col, and Capt Merriam; Late of Co H, this Regt resigned, has been appointed Lieut Col of the Regt



of Blacks to be officered from Maine  
It is also rumored that they are to go  
into Genl. Micherson's Brigade

And now Dear Sir if you succeed in  
obtaining what I have asked of you, I hope,  
and trust, through the gratious goodness of our  
heavenly Father, that I may so conduct  
myself as not to lessen the confidence  
you may place in me; in any degree.

It may be possible that you  
have not yet received a letter from me dated  
the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, if however you have not, I will  
here say that it was a first Lieutenantancy  
in the Negro Regt that I asked, though many  
of the officers have advised me to apply for  
a Captaincy, as I was better qualified to  
command a Co than many who might get  
it, however I should be well satisfied with  
a first Lieutenantancy, hoping to get news  
from you on the subject, very soon  
My truly

Your Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

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