

So. Mountville Aug 13 1863

Dear Sir -

Permit me to recommend
Capt. Richard D. Ayer of Co. A. 4th
Reg. Maine Vol. for Major of said
Regiment - I have been well
acquainted with Capt. Ayer for
many years - He is a man of
gentlemanly deportment - good
education & much energy of
character - I understand he has
been most highly esteemed by both
officers & privates, since he has had
command of Co. A. which has been
for more than a year past -

Yours &c

Cheney Knottton

Hon A. C. Burn
Gov. of Maine
Augusta }