

U.S. Engineer Office

Portland Me.

May 24 1862

His Excellency, Israel Washburn Jr  
Governor of the State of Maine  
Augusta Me.

Sir

The bearer of this, Captain  
Henry G. Thomas, 11<sup>th</sup> Regt. U.S. Infy, has asked me  
to write you in his behalf, for the position of Lieut. Col.  
in the new Regt. of Infantry about to be recruited in  
this State.

I have never served with Capt. Thomas in the  
field, but from the intercourse I have had with him  
in this City, and from the military duties I know he  
has performed, I have no hesitation in recommending  
him to you, as an officer who could fill with credit  
to himself and State, any one of the field positions  
you may be pleased to give him.

His industry, zeal, and experience even,  
are very much above the average of officers

of his grade and length of service.

I am Governor, Very Respectfully,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Jos Lincoln Casey

Capt Corps of Engineers

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