

Washington D.C. March 1st 1863.
Gov. Leburn —

The bearer of this, Sergt. Wm. K. Bickford, was orderly sergeant of my company (Co. I. 20th Me. Rgt) while I was in the 20th. I have no hesitation in saying that he is a very superior officer. His duty was always done faithfully. He possessed a warm interest in military matters, intending to make that his profession, and bringing to aid him a clear judgment, a quick practical mind, a great deal of energy and physical courage, and withal a conscientious purpose to do his whole duty in the position he held, he very rapidly fitted himself even to command the Co. and became an invaluable assistant to the commissioned officers of the Co.

You may trust him perfectly. I have known him well for years, and know him to be a man of integrity. If you can do anything for him I hope you will do it. He will make a good officer.

Very Respectfully

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