

Madison Aug 22. '62

Hon, Gov. Washburn, Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write a short
epistle to you, by the request of a friend
to his country, whose name is
Samuel H. Emerson. Mr E is a young
man of 21 years of age, of excellent
character and habits of good scholar-
ship and mathematical calculation
and a great lover of his country and
its institutions. He was the 2^d man
to enlist in its defence in the first
company that went from Bowdoin
and has been in the service 15 months
has acted well his part in ^{distinguis}hed
battles and is a Corporal in Co H 3^d Reg
Me Volunteers. He has been a scholar of
mine in several schools. I received a
letter yesterday from him, desiring me
to recommend him to you for a lieutenant
in some one of the Cos, of Vols about leaving
Maine, Now if you can assist one

desiring to serve his country in a higher way than he is now doing. I think you can find but few more meritorious than Mr Emerson. He said it was not for honor or vain glory he asks for it but out of a pure patriotic motive. I would ask you to read his letters that appear in the Republican Clarion printed at Howlugs for the last few months. He is not a relative of mine, that I should feel such an interest for him, but a scholar. He is fearless yet kind, firm yet unassuming and always secures the good will of all with whom he mingles. If you want reference please to inquire of the Capt of Co. H. 3 Reg. of Me. Vols. in Kearney's Division and direct - Washington D.C. I do really hope that if a 1st or 2d Lieut is wanted in any of the Companies you will be induced to commission this patriot who never complains of hardship that he may distinguish himself as he aspires to do.

I have seen a number of soldiers, and Lieut Savage who returned from that Co. who say that Emerson would handle a Reg. and drill them at pleasure. He wrote to me he said because he thought that I would prevail.

Please answer me and name what favors you can confer upon him and I will remain yours &c.

Dinsmore Cleveland,

Co. I Washburn jr Gov of Me,

For
Samuel F. Emerson,
3^d Regt.

Promotion.

Recommend to Samuel F.
Emerson for appointment in
M. V. service.

Charles and Emma

August 22. 1862.

Madison M.
