

Bangor, July 29, 1862

Hon. Isaac Washburn Jr.
Gov. State of Maine

Dear Sir -

In regard to the enclosed letter from Mr Simpson I would say that my object in visiting you is principally to carry letters of recommendation from gentlemen of this city who have personally known my brother, Richard Kellicott, and who are anxious that his services as a soldier, and which his capabilities entitle him to, should receive some acknowledgement. These gentlemen are Hon. S H Blake, Chas. P Brown Esq, E S Lee Esq, Hon. Amos A Wing, Mayor Stetson and others.

If you think well of granting him the privilege of recruiting, as mentioned by Mr Simpson, or otherwise giving him a commission - which is nothing more than an act of justice - there is no necessity of me visiting you. Richard is at present in the U. S. General Hospital at Annapolis, Md., having been slightly wounded in the late battles. He is principally suffering from debility. It would not only serve his health very much to return, but he would be the means of enlisting many Irishmen in this city. He is a young man about 27 years of age, of good intelligence, and of a good moral character. He is also spoken well of by those who have lately returned

from the 2nd Maine Regt. This movement in his behalf has not originated with me, but with a few of the above named gentlemen, who, to use their own words have said: it is a shame to have such a capable young man serving in the ranks, and being so unjustly treated.

Richard wrote in the county clerk's office for three years, under Mr. Weston. The Adj. Gen. may perhaps remember him in that capacity. It is a bitter fact that not one of the members of the Irish company in the 2nd Maine has received the least promotion. You cannot imagine the effect that an acknowledgement of the service of any one of the members of that company would have in the cause of enlisting among the Irishmen at Bangor.

Please answer to either Mr. Simpson or me what your excellency is disposed to do in the matter

I remain

with much respect

Your obt. Servt

J. F. Keller