

Fort Fairfield, Aug. 6, 1862

To his Excellency,

The Gov. of Maine,

We, the undersigned, ~~are~~ have been for several years personally acquainted with Hiram H. Ellis, formerly of Fort Fairfield, now of Co. E. 1st Maine Cavalry. He is a young man of strict integrity, energetic & persevering, with more than ordinary firmness & decision of Character.

We believe these qualities fit him for success in the military profession; and, if consistent, with your Excellency's arrangements, we respectfully ask his appointment to a Lieutenancy in one of the Regiments about to be organized in this State.

Elbridge Knight.

Hiram Stevens

Chas. Richardson

Spencer Hackett

John Oren

S. B. Potter,

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Knight Elbridge

Recommends H. H.

Ellis. 1st Me Cav. for promotion