



Buxton Centre, Me.

Sept. 1. 1862

My Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the return to Maine of Lieut Geo B. Kennistat of the 5<sup>th</sup> Maine Reg. from Richmond, where he has been a prisoner, having been captured at Bull Run July 21. 1861. and to recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Lieut K. is a graduate of Bowdoin College, was an excellent officer in the 5<sup>th</sup> Reg. and in my judgment is eminently worthy of at least the position of Major in some new Reg. from this State. There are reasons why he could not well return to the 5<sup>th</sup> aside from a lameness which has been caused by his imprisonment at Rich-

- Mond.

If you shall be able to grant me a commission as above you will receive the thanks of the many warm friends of Quin R. do your justice to one who has suffered much in the cause of the Union & seems an able officer for the service & one who will do honor to the State.

I am Dear Sir,

Your obt. Servt.

Mark H. Dummell

Hon. J. Washburn Jr.

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Recommends Lieut Geo. B.

Benniston for promotion

to major in genc service Me.

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