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**1862-10-31 James M. Lincoln recommends Sergeant F.H. Strout
for promotion**

James M. Lincoln

Bath, Oct 31, 1862.

Hon. S. Washburn, Jr.

Dear Sir,

A friend of mine, a firm supporter of the Government, a true Republican, and who thought passed the age required for military service, is ready to enter the ranks, has a relative whose claims he is desirous of having brought to your notice, and as he is not personally acquainted with you, has requested me to call on you and present the case. But a pressure of duties to-day, prevents and hence I write. The young man is first Sergeant of Company K, third Maine regiment, and has been in the service since the organization of that regiment now nearly a year and a-half. He is in every respect worthy of promotion, as I learn from various sources, and his promotion would be duly appreciated by himself and his friends in the company as well as those at home. His name is Frederick H. Strout. A brother of his, a lieutenant in the same company, an able and active officer, was killed in the last fight at Bull's Run. I understand there is a vacancy in the 2d Lieutenant's position of that company, and I write at the request of my friend, and also that of others, proposing Mr. Strout for that place, if the same has not been filled. I should be very much gratified if you could

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Recommends Sergt J. H.
Stout for promotion to Lieut.
in Camp R. S. Regt Me. V. Infantry.

1 Enclosure

confer the commission on Mr. Stout, thus advancing
the interests of a meritorious individual, and mee-
ting the wishes of many good citizens.

I thus present the case, and if it is necessary
to see you personally, please assign a time.

With Sentiments of Respect,

Your Obedient Servant,

James M. Lincoln.