

Portland

Hon A Coburn  
Governor

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Dear Sir

A letter  
has been placed in my hands  
by Edwin Show Eng of this  
city from your - letter  
to the appointment  
of his son A. C. Show to  
a position in the Army as  
Assistant Surgeon -  
A. C. Show was formerly  
a student of mine. He com-  
menced the study of Medi-  
cine 5 years since when I  
was <sup>entrusted</sup> the Maine Hospital  
& his amusement was  
my initiation. With his  
graduation this Spring  
at the Coll of Physicians &

Surgens. in New York City -  
A Displamer from this  
- Station above by the  
person - is required an  
endorsement & support  
for about <sup>Medical</sup> any position  
in the Army or Navy of this  
Country - I am pleased to  
assure you by my own  
testimony that the applicant  
is in my respect qualified  
for the Appointment to be Solids  
& note in my opinion he  
is valuable acquisition to  
the Army Medical Corps -  
I note refer you for the  
authenticity of my Statements  
to Dr. Wm. B. B. B. B. B.  
Blaine Senator Memphis  
Ic - I know is ready  
to take Special Endorsement  
for the position of an Ena  
-ing board of you

Obvise it - Hoping to  
Receive from you some  
necessary instructions in  
relation to this Applicant

I remain  
Very Truly  
Yours  
S<sup>t</sup> J. M. Ashley

Dr. Newbury  
May 21.

Recd Dr. Shaw for  
Surgeon -