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To whom it may concern

I rejoice that the
satisfaction of my going friend
John L. Merrett has gone
beyond words & that he seeks
to be transferred to the regular
army. Having known him
intimately from childhood I
feel authorized in recommending
him for promotion. His intelligence,
good habits & good health,
will carry him upward, if
placed in the proper line.
And I most earnestly urge
his early appointment to a
current office & that he
be commended for advancement
as his merits show him he deserves.
Yours Allen Merrett