

Custom House
Wiscasset May 27th 1863

Hon John C. Brown
Gov^r of Maine -

My dear Sir -

Allow me to re-
commend to you very favorable
regard Capt Ellis Spear of the
20th Maine Reg^t, whose name
(I learn) is presented by his friends
in connection with an appoint-
ment to the rank of Major -
I know Capt Spear to be a
gentleman of the best moral
character, fine literary at-
tainments, loyal & patriotic
to the core, & a firm and
consistent adherent to the
principles of our Government
& the present administration.

I consider him to possess that
truly desirable characteristic
in the soldier at this juncture,
perfect reliability.

His appointment
to the rank named would
much gratify many friends
& would be particularly
gratifying to You & Jack

Ernest F. Cole

Being well acquainted with Capt.
- Spear I can subscribe to all that Mr.
Cole has stated above

I have had this letter in my pocket
for a long time and forgot to send
it, which I regret very much

Yours truly
Wm. M. Reed