

Shrewsbury Dec. 4. 62

Israel Washburn Gov. of Maine  
Sir

I have this day received a letter from a friend and nephew of mine in the Army of the Potomac, who went from Amherst College in the Third Maine Regiment, Co. G. He writes me that Co. F. of the twentieth Maine Regiment have no Officers and he would be very grateful to you to appoint him Capt or 1st Lieutenant of that company which were mostly from Harmony & adjoining towns. He now is colour bearer. I do not hesitate to recommend him to your notice.

as a suitable man for  
to have the command  
of a Company or even a  
higher command. He  
is a poor boy no one to help  
him and has worked his way  
into Amherst College and was  
on the first term of the second  
year. He is a scholar and  
got one hundred dollars the  
first year in College for scholar-  
ship. He is large with a  
commanding look a good  
soldier tough and hard.

He is patriotic and his patri-  
-otism induced him to leave  
his College studies to fight  
the battles of his Country and  
to put down this wicked  
rebellion. He is needy  
no one to help him.

I am a plain farmer  
not in the habit of seeking

for Office for myself  
or any one else. but I feel  
it to be my duty in this case  
to set before you the plain  
simple facts as they are with-  
-out exaggeration, and pray  
Your Honor most respect-  
-fully to place for a theme  
Bigelow a temperate young  
man in a position will  
deserve of command.

I would refer you in  
reference to what I have  
written to my friend the  
Hon Abner Coburn.

Respectfully Yours  
Amasa Bigelow



Promotion of  
Jonathan Bigelow,  
3<sup>d</sup> Regt.

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Recommended Jonathan  
Bigelow for appointment  
as captain in 20<sup>th</sup> Regt. Me. Vols.

Jonathan Bigelow

Mr. Knapp  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 1862