

Belfast Aug. 15, 1863

Geo. Cochrane.

Dear Sir -

Enclose a letter in favor
of Young Doak of whom I spoke to you the
other day on the Case - Fuller who has signed
the enclosed letter was Lieut. of Doak's Regt. & Carter
was a Lieut. of his Co. There is a petition for Doak's
appointment on Gov. Washburn's files. Signed by all
the Commanding Officers of his Co. & the field
Officers of the Regt - Young Doak is entirely
temperate. is an energetic & intelligent man - in
good health. & has fought in every battle in
which the 4th Maine Regt. has been engaged -
He has written some of the best letters to the Age that
have been published by any Soldier in the war
for this Country. He was master of a Ship carrying
some \$50. per month when he enlisted - Gov. Wash-
burn said he would give him a commission if any
place was open for him - He is now acting as
Capt. of his Co. He wishes to be commissioned a
Lieut. I hope he will be. They who know him
will think he deserves a Commission & that he would do it
honor - I hope he may receive it.

I have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully

S. L. Milburn -

To Hon. Abner Cushman Governor
of Maine -

We the undersigned, respectfully
recommend the appointment of James E. Doak
Sergeant in Company H. 4th Maine Vols. to a Lieutenant
in said Co. Mr Doak is now acting as Capt. of said
Company. He is a young man of intelligence & energy
& has been very faithful & efficient in the service.
We sincerely hope that he may be promoted to
a Lieutenant -

Respectfully -

Wm. R. Rust
J. M. Fuller
H. H. Carter
N. Abbott