

Camp 20th Maine Volunteers
Ellis Port

Rappahannock River
June 6th 1863

Hon. Abner Coburn
Gov. of Maine

Dear Sir:

You will
pardon me for addressing you, as doubtless your
official duties engross much of your time, yet
I trust you will feel disposed to note the con-
tents of this letter and also to aid, if possible,
in the accomplishment of my desires.

I learn
by Lt. B. who has just returned from Maine
that two new regiments will be raised in the
state in July next. If so I desire to obtain
an appointment as Lieut, Colonel or Major in
one of them. I feel that I have earned a
position of this kind. I entered the service
from a sense of duty. I trust, and I have la-
bored faithfully and zealously to promote the
efficiency of the regiments and also the company
under my command. (I have had command since Oct.)
as regards discipline, drill, appearance &c. and I am
happy to say that Col (now Gen.) Ames has often

assured me that it was excelled by no other in the regiment.

I have ever manifested a deep interest in the men of my company, and especially of the sick. The latter have ^{been} kindly cared for, and the result has been that the company has been as large and for some time larger, in numbers, than any other.

In short, I have labored to a faithful performance of the duties resting upon me, and I trust to the satisfaction of my superiors.

As to my ability and qualifications to fill the position I desire, I would refer you to the following named gentlemen. Ex. Gen. Washburn. John R. Rodsdem. Adjt. Genl of Maine. Jos. B. Hall. Secy of State. Lewis D. Moore and James H. Cochran. Depty Secy of State. George G. Stacy, State Librarian. Henry Sidney Perkins of Oxford. Hon. St. A. Farwell of Kennebunk. Gen. Wm. H. Sitscomb of Rockland. Charles A. Keller Clerk of House of Representatives, also Gen. Adellus Ames, of the 11th Corps. Lt Col. Chamberlain of the 20th. Maj. Gilmore of the same. Lt Col. Cunningham of the 19th Maine. Dr. N. P. Moore, formerly surgeon of the 20th Maine. Dr. St. A. Person of the 17th Maine, and to Dr. Bennett formerly of the 20th.

I trust that such recommendations from men of ability and who fill responsible

positions both civil and military are sufficient
testimony of my fitness for the position I ask and
I trust I may hope for an appointment if any
new regiments are raised.

I am sir

very respectfully

Yours obedt Servt

Prentiss M. Fogler

Capt Co. D

24th Me. Inf.

Capt. Pruntiss m. - Fogler
les. J. 20th Regt.
June 6th 1863.
Wants staff off in new Regt.