

St Albans Dec 18 1862

Dear Governor

Be it by so many importunities as your position must necessarily be in these trying times ~~from~~ which I must plead guilty for having enacted my share, I had resolved not to trouble you again during the remainder of your administration, but a particular young friend of mine has induced me to forego that resolve for once only -

Jonathan Bigelow a young man of very promising parts raised in this town, & left for Amherst College a year ago last spring, where he had nearly completed his collegiate term, & joined the main 3<sup>d</sup> Regt on its passage through Boston to the seat of the rebellion where men's souls are tried and has served faithfully in that Regt in all its campaigns. & as I understand was appointed one of the standard bearers in the late movements of Burnside -

He is desirous of the appointment of the captaincy of Company F. Maine 20<sup>th</sup> Regt all of whose men were from this & the surrounding towns, & I think would be well pleased with the appointment as they are about all well acquainted with him either personally or by reputation.

He possesses bravery, energy & capacity and is  
one of those young men bound to make his  
mark in whatever position in life he may  
be placed - he is a brilliant scholar & has  
acquired his education by his own energy  
his father having left him when about 15 years  
of age without means. save his indomitable  
perseverance to work his way through <sup>life's</sup> many  
paths, which he has done thus far to the gratification  
of his friends, without any extraneous aid, &  
could you feel justified in making the appoint-  
-ment I trust you would never have cause  
to regret it & his friends would feel you  
had done them a favor which would not  
be forgotten - but should other applications for  
that place intervene so as to make this appoint-  
-ment embarrassing, is there not some vacancy  
in his own company or Regt where you might  
make an appointment without compromising  
other claims?

I understand all the officers of Co. 8, 11th 20th  
have either died or resigned, & being well ac-  
quainted with Rufus Robertson a member of that  
company from this town would respectfully  
suggest his name as suitable for one of the  
Lieutenants in that Co.

Very Respectfully  
Yours obt. servt

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