

Camp 5th Maine Vols
Near Harrison Landing James River
July 22nd 1862

Mr Harding
Sir

I have the honor to
inform you & the friends of
1st Sergeant John C. Summersides
Co "A" 5th Regt Maine Vols,
that during the 12 months hard
service in the field he has
proved himself to be a fine soldier
& that he is not only capable
but worthy of promotion & I
believe that it is only justice
to a brave & faithful soldier, that
his friends should use every honest
endeavor to procure for him a commis-
sion as 2nd Lieutenant either in this
or some of the new regiments which
are now forming in Maine

I have forwarded an application
to "enclosed by the Col Commanding"
to the Adj & Genl of Maine for the
above promotion, ^{for} meritorious conduct,
& I think that with a little help
from his friends in that vicinity
he will succeed

I make this application to the
friends of Sergeant not only because I
have a deep interest in his personal
welfare, but because I know him to
be worthy & well qualified, & I believe
that with such men, men who have
proved themselves to be on the battle
field & in the very face of a desperate
enemy to be the good soldier as one
handled the musket, I say with
such men as these for Officers
you may rest assured that the
honor of the old Time True State will
be sustained under any & every circumstance
Trusting that you will see to this
matter, which is of great

importance to the gentleman
in question. & if secured will open
to him a wider field of operations.
& enable him to stand among his
soldiers for which he is so noble a fit.

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Henry Millitt

Capt - Comd Co^l

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It gives me great pleasure to
add my testimony to the worth
of Sergeant Summerside. I have
known him well for more than
12 months & know that in every
relation, he has been the true soldier.
prompt & energetic in the camp -
& brave in battle - & now wears
the scar of his valor - I trust it may
be in the favor of the Executive
to grant him some honorable promotion

Graham M. Fox
June 28th 1862

John R. Adams
Chaplain of the 5th