

Head Quarters, 5th Maine Vols,
Camp in the Field, Aug 23^d, 1862.

(To His Excellency Israel Washburn)
Governor of the State of Maine.

Sir: Permit me
a stranger temporarily in command of the gallant
men of the 5th Maine Regiment to call your at-
tention to the claims and eminent fitness of
Captain Clark S. Edwards, Senior Captain of this
Regiment, for a position as Field Officer, in one
of the new Regiments now being raised in your
State for active service in the field.

Captain Edwards, whom I have known for
quite a length of time and with whom I have
served thus far in this war, is an officer every
way, I believe qualified for the position of Field
Officer. He is cool and collected, and his courage,
as Bull Run, West Point, Gaines Mill and Charles
City Cross Roads, well attests, undisputed. And, Sir,
in my estimation, not the worst recommendation,
he is strictly temperate. I think, Sir, that his
promotion would be but strict justice and I
believe the best interests of the Government would
be subserved.

I am Sir, very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt,
Jacob S. Fricke

St. Paul 96th Re. Vols Camp 5th Maine

Hd. Qrs 5th Regt Me. Vol. Inftry
July 23. 1862.

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Lt Col. 96 Pa. Vol. I.

Recommends Capt. Clark S.
Edwards for promotion to Field
Officer in new regt Me. Vol. Inftry.

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