

Bath Mo Febry 23rd 1863

To His Excellency
Gov. of the State of Maine

Dear Sir

Learning that Samuel B. Merry of Woodwick is seeking a Commission in the Volunteer Service - I feel it a duty incumbent on me to forward the cause of a worthy man, by stating what I know personally of his character and qualities as a Soldier while he was a member of my company -

Mr Merry enlisted in April 1861. as a private in Co. "D", 3rd Reg. Me. Vols. was afterward made a Corporal, and for several months was acting as Sergeant -

There is no one of the company that I could more cheerfully recommend to your favorable consideration - Being a man of excellent character, well calculated and qualified to gain the respect and esteem of his comrades.

I have ever found him prompt

in the discharge of his duties, and perfectly
reliable in times of danger, cool, cautious and
brave in time of action -

Being near him at the time he
received his wound at the battle of Fair Oaks - I am
safe in saying that his conduct on that hard
fought field is worthy of your notice - And I
hope his services may be rewarded by promotion
at your hands -

Most Respectfully your Obedt. Servt -
Wm. H. Watson

Lt. Capt. Co. "D."
3rd Regt. Me. Vols.

Gen. Abner Coburn
Augusta Mo.

Being well acquainted with the
bearer Saml. B. Mery. would most cordially
indorse the above -

Very Respectfully of Obedt. Servt
G. A. L. Sampson
Late Lieut Col 3rd Me Vols.

Bath. Me.

Feb. 23. 1863.

Watson Capt W. H.

1. Recommends Corp Mery
3. Me. Vols for promotion

1 Enclosure

Feb 25/63

Rec'd Capt Mery A. 32

for promotion.

