

Camp 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Regt  
Near Salmouth Gas.  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

Hon. Ansel Coburn  
Gov. of Maine  
Sir:

I have  
tendered my services to the  
General Government - to serve  
in a colored regiment and  
have been recommended  
for commission in such  
regiment by Gen. Howard  
since then I have learned  
that the Governors of the different  
States are empowered to officiate  
these regiments.

I am desirous of obtaining  
a position in one, and would  
mention a Captaincy, Adjutancy  
or a Quartermasters berth as  
the most desirable.

Gen. Howard is now in Maine,  
He will assure you of my worthiness,  
if you have not confidence in  
me.

I would be pleased to hear  
from my application at an  
early date.

I am most respectfully  
Yours obt Servt  
J. Bigelow  
Co. I, 3rd Maine

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asking if he is to be com<sup>d</sup> in Negro Reg<sup>t</sup>

I am most respectfully  
Yours truly  
Sergt Bezelant  
Co. I, 3<sup>d</sup> Mass<sup>t</sup>