

Southfield March 13-1863

I have just had a letter from Samuel W Austin a member of the 3rd Me Regt a man whom you are acquainted with he wishes to enter one of the colored regiments as an officer & he requested me to ask you to aid him in getting an appointment as Lieutenant in one of those regiments if you can. If I can see you in any way in procuring the appointment please write me and I will do it will you see the Governor immediately about the matter & let me know what the prospect is. Austin entered the Sra's about two years ago and has been in all the battles from the first Bull Run to the last Bull Run when he was taken Prisoner but he has been exchanged & is now with his Regt he has proved himself a good Soldier & I think him worthy of Promotion he is a poor man & has no funds to help him he has two other

Brother in the army also went
about the same time & I think when
you lay the matter before the Governor if
there is any Obstruction he will affront
him please let the Governor see this and
if he wants anything farther tell him I
will send him a Petition signed by all
or nearly all the People of this Vicinity
of both Political Parties who know Mr
Aastin in his Town

Faithfully your Friend

Samuel Whitehouse

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Smithfield, Me.

Mar. 12, 1863

Whitehouse Samuel

Recommends S. W. Austin
3^o me for promotion

Samuel Whitehouse
March 12, 63
Re: Austin, A. S. for major pay -