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**1863-03-16 W.L. Richmond recommends Sergeant B.W. Smart for
a commission in the Colored Troops**

W. L. Richmond

Winthrop March 16th 1863

Hon. Oliver Coburn
Governor of Maine
Sir

I understand that you are giving Commissions for the Negro Regiments to be raised. Thinking it my duty to recommend a person for a commission one who has proved himself worthy of a commission in the number of engagements his regiment has been in I cheerfully recommend Sergt Bradford W. Smart of Co Hth 3rd Me. Regt for a commission as a Lieut. Having been Captain that Co most of the time since it left the state I can recommend him with a clear conscience to be an honest upright sober and intelligent man a brave soldier. He went as a private was made a Corp. He afterwards was promoted to a Sergt for gallant conduct at the battle of Fair Oaks as your recommendations I can send them if they are needed. Please answer by return of mail and Hoping that you have a position that you will give him.

I remain your Obedt. Servt
W. L. Richmond

Winthrop, Me.

March 16. 1863

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Recommends. Supt B. W. Smart
3rd Me Vols for Com in Color? Troops

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