

North Prospect, Me.
Dec. 7 - 1863

To His Excellency,
Alvan Coburn,
Gov. of Maine,
Dear Sir;

I learn that Capt.
Robert H. Gray, Com. I. 4 Me. Vol.
has been recommended for Major
of said Regt. by the Brig. Gen. of his
Brigade, by the Colonel and by all
the line Officers present of the Regt.
but he is likely to be defeated by
political influence not connected
with the service

Having been a member of the House
in the last Legislature take the liberty
to say that Capt. Gray is much re-
spected by his Company and by the
Officers of his Regt. as a brave and
efficient Officer and a Gentleman.
and I hope you will in no way

be influenced by any politicians
to defeat the wishes of the soldiers
in the field, not Connected personally
with the Army.

I will also add that Capt. Gray
has been for some years before the
war a Working Republican, a true
practical temperate man, and
he has been raised from the ranks
by personal merit as a soldier.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours & Devt

J. G. Eaton