

Camp 4th Maine Regt.

March 25th 1864

Mr Perkins, Sir. I am thinking of trying to get a commission in one of the new regiments, and as you are the most influential Union man in our town, I have taken the liberty to address you.

There is very poor prospect of our company being ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xxxxx~~ filled at present, and it will be impossible for me to get mustered on my present commission, until the company numbers eighty.

A portion of our Regt. will be mustered out of the service on the 15th of June next, which will leave us but a handful of men, we shall be too weak then to hold our organization, and

shall be broken up, and distributed among other regiments, which will reduce me to a private again, and I shall find myself among strangers.

In view of these things our officers advise us to apply for commissions in some of the new regiments. I should like to have you send^a request, with six or eight influential names, to our representative to use his influence with the Governor. You can state the case to him. Now I have been holding a commission some six months, with no prospect now of being mustered.

I should like a 1st Lieutenant's commission in the 31st or 32d

Please refer him to the following officers as to

My character and qualifications.

Maj. R. H. Gray H. Reg.

Capt E. B. Carr Co. G. " "

Capt W. A. Barker Co. H. " "

If you will please use your influence for me in this matter I shall feel greatly obliged to you.

Respectfully Yours,

George Wood

Com. H.

W. Reg. Me. & M.

D. L. Perkins