

To Abner Cotton

Gov. of Maine

Sir

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I have known Benjamin Norton for many years and have no doubt of his fitness for the position of Lieutenant.

I have also read the petition in his behalf, and while I know most of the circumstances therein mentioned to be true, I have no reason for questioning the others.

Generally speaking I am unacquainted with the persons who have signed; but as I know his past history up to the time of his entering our land service, I should think it would be wise to grant the petition.

Per. Feb 20/63

Will submit to you
Yours most obedt
John Neal

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I shall call your attention
 to the following points:
 1. The first point is the
 fact that the system is
 now in operation and
 has been found to be
 very satisfactory.
 2. The second point is
 the fact that the system
 is now being improved
 and will be ready for
 use in a few months.
 3. The third point is
 the fact that the system
 is now being used by
 many other schools and
 colleges.
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 10. The tenth point is
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