

Portland Feb^y 29th 1863.

Wm. C. C. -

Sir -

Sergeant Benjamin Stotter of this city, now attached to the 5th Regiment, is desirous of being promoted to the office of Lieut. in said Regiment, in which several vacancies exist.

Having known Sergeant Stotter for many years before the breaking out of the Southern rebellion as one of our best & most competent of mechanics, and knowing his unquestioned ability, bravery & loyalty - heretofore manifested by signal service on & off the field of battle, I most cheerfully recommend him to your Excellency for promotion.

A more deserving soldier may not be found in the army of the Potomac, and his promotion will be hailed with pleasure not only by his comrades in the Regiment, but also by his many friends in this city, where he has a large family dependent on him.

for support.

Hoping his application may
be favorably received, I remain
Very truly, Jr. W. H.

James O'Donnell

I fully concur in the above
John M. Adams