

(Augusta Marsh 23^d 1868

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to present the name of Henry L. Barker of Bremen as candidate for a company officer in a Negro Regiment,

Mr Barker is about 23 years old, He has even sustained a good moral character, is a strictly loyal and patriotic man - a thorough temperance man of good habits, He has good education as can be obtained in our Academies and public schools,

He possesses good manly and soldierlike appearance, He enlisted in the Second Maine Regiment ^{Company C} and has been with it from the day of its mustering in, but as his term of enlistment expires in April next and as he intends to continue in the war until its close he would in my opinion if appointed to such an office as indicated do honor to himself and good service to his country, Henry L. Barker is the son of Jacob L. Barker a distinguished citizen of Bremen lately County Commissioner for Penobscot County, Most Respectful Yours
To Honorable Allen Coburn } John Holyoke
Governor of the State of Maine } Representative from Bremen

Augusta, Me.

March 23, 1863

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Recommends H. L. Barker
for Com. in Color^d Troops

Rec^d by H. L. Barker Co. 2 for negro reg^t

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John Holyoke.