

Camp 5th Maine Regt.
Near White Oak Church Va

March 28th 1863

His Excellency

Abner Coburn.

Governor of the State of Maine

I take the liberty to write you a few lines, asking a favor of you.

Governor Coburn I have done my duty as a Soldier in the 5th Maine. ever since it came into Virginia I have been in every engagement that the Regt. has been in except the first Bull Run I got as far as Centerville then and was taken sick and went to the Hospital.

With the exception of that one battle I have been with the Regt. and shared its dangers and

hurdships. Governor Coburn,
I want a Commission, I have
tried to gain promotion in this
Regt. - but there is no place for
me here other than the place of a
private, as long as there is others
more favored than me. Governor
I have no influential friends to
recomend me, my own recommend-
ation is all that I can give,
and self praise as the old proverb
says goes but a little way.

If you will honor me with a
Commission in any Regt. I shall
be very gratefull to you.

Hoping to hear from you soon and
favorably I am Governor Coburn
your very humble and obedient servant

Charles. W. Wontworth.

(Co. B. 5th Mass Reg)

Washington.
D.C.

White Oak Church, Va.

March 23, 1863.

Wentworth, C. M.

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