

To his Excellency  
Gov<sup>r</sup> Coney }

Respectfully represents  
the undersigned, that <sup>Wm</sup> H. Howard  
late a Private in Cap Newell Strout's  
Co. (K.) Third Maine Reg<sup>t</sup>, has proved him-  
self to be a loyal citizen, an efficient  
Recruiting Officer, a lover of "the old  
Stars and Stripes," and well deserving  
the favorable consideration of the Public.

Wherefore, we heartily pray your  
Excellency, to accord to him your approbation,  
and appreciation of his services, and grant  
him a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut<sup>&</sup> Commission in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> M.V.M.  
believing that thereby, the Public-Good  
will be subserved and a meritorious  
Soldier, (in a measure,) will be rewarded  
for services rendered his Country in  
her darkest hours.

And as we duty bound &c.

Feb<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Lieut. J. B. Blithers



Feb. 13. 1864.

Blethen Lieut J.

Recommends W. H. Howard  
for Com. in Me. Vols.

Enclosure

For Mr. Blethen  
General

Enclosed find as per  
check book