

Headquarters Eleventh Corps,

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

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Governor Samuel Cony,

Dear Sir,

Having just learned that Colonel James S. Fessenden, additional A.D.C., on Genl. Brooks staff, and son of Senator Fessenden, is desirous of bringing a Regiment into the field, either of Cavalry or Infantry, I take pleasure in recommending him to you.

I have known Col. Fessenden for several years; he is a gentleman and an able officer. I don't think you could do better than allow him to raise a Regiment in Maine with my old friend Maj. Whittier for his Lieut. Colonel.

I would be glad enough to get a Regiment thus commanded.

Very Respectfully

O. O. Howard  
Caj. Genl.