

Gorham Oct. 5, 1863

Hon. Abner Coburn

I wish to recommend to your favorable notice, Corporal Richmond Edwards of Gorham, Co. A. B. Me. Reg. He wishes a 2^d Lieut. Commission. My personal acquaintance with Mr. Edwards is only casual, yet I learn from those familiarly acquainted with him, that he is a very worthy young man; and by reason of his general intelligence, and extensive knowledge in military affairs, is really deserving of promotion, Mr. Edwards, probably has been, or will be, recommended by those, more, able and better, prepared to present his claims than I am, yet I wish to contribute my mite, in assisting a worthy citizen, and veteran Soldier

in obtaining the position
asked for, and which, if obtained,
I have no doubt, he would
fill with credit, alike to himself
and the General Government
Joseph W. Parker
W. H. H. Abner Coburn

Gorham. Me.

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Parker J. W.

Recommends Corp^t Edwards
5th Me. Vols for promotion