

Portland March 6th 1865

Hon Saml. Cony
Governor of Maine
Sir:

I have been notified by the
officer now in command of the 20th Regiment; that
Col. Gilmore has resigned and been discharged
the Service. I have sent on to the Regiment
~~a~~ sufficient number of men to raise the Reg-
iment above the minimum, and a full Col-
onel may be mustered, as soon as they reach
the front. In case Your Excellency should
appoint the Colonel, I respectfully recommend
Walter P. Merrill (now commissioned Major) ~~of~~
Williamspoint, the Lt. Col. and Atherton W.
Clark of Waldoboro (formerly Captain), to be
Major

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Wm. Spear
Maj. & Brig. Lieut Colonel
20th Maine Vols.

Genl. Wadsworth
(one mistake I had upon in Colonel of the 20th &
the above nominations are approved)

W. Spear
you

Ellis Spear
Lt. Col. 24th Me Vols
Mar. 6. 1865

Recommends promotion
in that Regt

Com. issued Mar. 13' 65

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