

Gov. Comg: I have a prorable recollection
of Mr Swift & if you can do any thing for him
it will be for a good soldier & one who merit
mention.

J. W. R. Camp 5th Maine Vols

Feb 27. Near Brandy Station Va
February 19th 1864.

Wm Israel Washburne jr

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of obtaining
a Commission in one of
those new regts to be raised
in Maine & thinking perhaps
you would favor it; I will just
say that; I would like your
influence with the Governor,
in the matter. I have had
everything done for me here
that can be done, as Col^l
Edwards, & Dr Warren (the Surgeon)
have sent exelent recommendations
to Col^l Wentworth for me.
& also Mr. Kerkham, of Paris,

the members of Congress, from
our district. Has written to
Col. Wentworth. But I think
something ought to be done
with the Governor, to make the
thing sure. You will recollect
me, as being active in raising
men in Company with Capt
Patch of Greenwood, & then came
into this regt as a recruit
myself. then being placed on
detached service, & remaining there
until last January - ⁽¹⁸⁶³⁾ is one
reason, why, I have only been
able to obtain a Non Commis-
sioned Officers Position in this
regt, & our regt being so small,
we are not allowed to muster
in any more Lieuts.

I will further say, that I raised
a large portion of the Company
at Bryant's Pond early in May

1861, which was afterwards disband-
ed, so you see, I have as yet,
been unlucky in getting the
place, I feel competent to
fill. Have been through many
hard and trying scenes, in
the past year, & always found my
only as a Soldier.

I learn that Capt. Patch, is trying
to get Commissioned again
in one of those regts. Now do
you think those men at home,
ought to have the preference to
Soldiers that cannot get home
to work for themselves?

Perhaps you can help me
to get into Capt. Varney's regt
as you may know him.
Hoping you will pardon me for
thus asking your assistance, I
close. Hoping to hear from you
by return mail. John McSwift
(Hon & Washington) Co. "C"

Feb. 27. 1864.

Washburn J. jr

Recommends J. M. Swift
5th Me. Vols for promotion

John W. Swift
G. C. & W. Swift
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