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Will you allow
us to intrude upon your valuable
time so much as to ask
your attention to that matter
of Joseph Leavitt of the Maine
5th - then are the Circumstances

Last January he was home
on a furlough had been in
some twelve hard Battles & Sunday
stood up to it like a man as thousands
of others has - When appealed to
for reenlistment Leavitt was
the first Man in his Company
to step forward - for reenlistment
- while home his friends agreed
with him that he was deserving
of a 2nd Lieutenant - He sent letters
& recommendations stating his
ability uprightness &c

is recommended by another
Spring Rep Lynch —
has letters from his wife
and a strong letter from
his present Col also from
his Chaplain —

His Excellency. promised
young Leavitt that the
moment I sent him the
Letter from the present Col
of the 5th he should have
a Commission he has done so
some weeks since — But unfortunately
cannot get the Commission though
he is unsurpassed by any young
man for such a Burden.

His friends who are people
of influence here feel Badly about
it and they have agreed to ask
your personal attention to it
as a great favor to a deserving
young man & his large circle
of friends this case is a

strong one - we have told
Mr. Leavitt, friends that
you will as a favor
put it through - Certainly
there must be opportunities
in the new laws - if not
in the old - If you knew
or if the Gov could know
this case he would not
hesitate an hour in giving
the young man what has
been promised him -

Excuse the time we have
taken - Will you see
justice done a faithful
Smart upright young man

Yours Truly

Chas Brothage

Mr. Lynch says he is
feeling unpleasant about
this matter - But thinks you can fix
it -