## 1862-08-07 Private George Holt requests a commission from Governor Washburn

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Head Quarters First Brigade

[?] Division 5th Army Corps

Camp near Harrison's Landing Va.

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To

His Excellency

I.Washburn Jr.

Governor of State of Maine

Hon. Sir,

I beg leave

to trespass upon your valuable time,

by respectfully calling your attention

to my case, which is as follows. On the

16th day of July ult., I transmitted a

communication to General Hodsdon, (enclosed

please find correct copy with endorsements

thereon) asking his influence in procuring

for me a Lieutenant's Commission,

in one of the regiments forming in Maine,

from which I have received no reply

whatever, and fearing that it might have

been miscarried, or in case he received it

that he might consider the application

addressed personally to him (which was

not my intent) and in that case not

feel at liberty to grant it. I have taken

the liberty to address my request to

you, respectfully referring you to my

communication to him, as setting

forth the reasons for my application,

and to the endorsements thereon by the

several parties (of which the three last

have recently been added) hoping it may

be found worthy of your favorable

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attention. I could procure a larger

number of recommendations, but have

refrained from doing so, considering that

they would be deemed superfluous, and,

confining myself to those persons with

whom I have been associated, and who

in consequence best know my qualifications

to hold the position for which

I ask, leaves them to vouch for me.

I believe it has been the custom

for those applying for commissions

to bring a certain number of recruits

to the field, my presence in the Army

as an enlisted man, has necessarily

prevented me from doing so, but should

I receive a commission, thereby being

released from my bond, I could give the

matter my personal attention, and I

can assure you Sir, with confidence,

that through influential friends, and

my own exertions, I could in a very

short time, furnish my quota of a

Company. As I have before stated, I

should not have made the application

were I not out of the line of promotion

in my own regiment.

Very Respectfully

Your most obt. servt

Geo. C. Holt

Private Co. A

2nd Regt Maine

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