## 1862-08-08 D.F. Kelleher requests a commission for his brother Richard in the new 20th Maine Regiment

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Bangor, Maine August 8, 1862

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr

Gov of Maine

Dear Sir,

Learning that

a 20th Regt. is organizing in the State, I again solicit

of your Excellency a commission in it for my brother

Richard Kelleher. who is now sick in the U.S. General

Hospital at Anapolis, Maryland, and in whose behalf

I visited you at Augusta last week.

Richard as you know is a member of company

I. 2nd Maine Regt. and has been with the Regt ever

since it left this city. He was originally orderly Sargt.

of company I. but from the circumstances of the breaking

up of that company, and the taking of its place by

White's he, together with all the non-commissioned officers

of his company, was consigned to the ranks, in which

position he now remains. When he left this city he was

receiving a salary of 600 dollars a year in a counting room,

but cheerfully gave up his place to obey his country's call.

I am informed by several who have lately returned from

the 2nd Maine, and who know my brother well, that

when White and his co. joined the Regt., he, then in the

ranks, had to teach them their duty. He is a good soldier and

has been in all the battles that his Regt. has been engaged

in. It is only proper that a young man of his ability

should not be overlooked by your Excellency in the many

commissions that are granted. You may rest assured that

to whatever position you may assign him that he will

perform his duty faithfully and well. He will also be

of much value to a new Regt. having seen considerable

service. He is about 24 years of age, well educated, and

maintains a good moral character. For three years he

was assistant clerk of the Courts in this city under Mr.

Weston. By referring to the letters of recommendation from

Mr. A N Paine, Hon, S H Blake, Chas, P Brown Esq, and Mr.

A L Simpson (gentlemen by whom he was intimately known)

which I handed you last week

You will find abundant testimony of his ability and

good character.

I view of all these things. I sincerely hope

that your Excellency will remember him this time while

an opportunity offers--that you will give him even

a Lieut. commission so that he may be placed in the

right path to distinguish himself. By writing immediately

for him to the Hospital he can be here in 7 or 8 days.

I am

most respectfully yours

D F. Kelleher

Bangor Me

August 8th 1862

Kelleher F. D.

Recommends Richard

Kelleher for appointment

to positon in 20th Regt Me V. Inf.

For

Richard Kelleher

2d Regt.

Com. in 20th.

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