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Fort Corcoran Virginia ^{referred to} Oct 2nd 1861

Mr. Allen

I take the liberty this morning of addressing a few lines to you and will state that it is for a favor if you can grant it without inconvenience. I wish to get a commission in one of the Regts now forming in Maine for the seat of War and knowing you to have considerable influence in and around Penobscot. I thought you the most fitting ^{person} that I could apply to for help in obtaining what I wish. if I could not get a 2^d Lieutenants commission I should feel amply satisfied if I could get an Orderly Sergeants or 2^d Sergeants berth. I am confident that I am capable of discharging the duties of either position. I have taken considerable pains to instruct myself in the drill exercise and am now studying the Tactics and hope ere long to make myself conversant with the different manners of Scott and Hardee. if any reference is wanted I would refer to Capt. Bartlett of Bangor and James Dean 1st Lieut of the 2^d Maine now in Bangor recruiting for the Regiment. I am positive there will never be a better chance for a young man to make his mark in the world than at the present time and I hope by maintaining a good character and steady habits to make a slight mark myself and one that will meet the approbation of my friends. but you are well aware that a young man that has influential friends can much easier obtain such places than one who is without them and it is for this reason that I write to you. if you can help me in any way to obtain what I wish you will render me a favor besides put me under a lasting obligation to you. please give the subject a thought and if in your opinion I am deserving please

act accordingly.

Very respectfully yours

James H. Bacon
Co. A.

Fort Corcoran, Va.

Oct. 4. 1861.

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Solicits promotion

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