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Eastport Sept-19th 1864

Hon G. B. Talbot.

Portland Maine.

Dear Sir

I learn with regret that efforts are being made to prevent your Brothers appointment as the Colonelcy of the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery a position to which his rank, his deep and earnest interest in the regiment, his fidelity to all duties entrusted to him, his patient, untiring efforts to acquire a knowledge of his new profession, all justify the honor.

I have faith in his military ability & capacity.

While in the Regiment he was considered one of the best-picked officers in the Brigade & was frequently consulted

by the Brigade Commander on
matters pertaining to their duty.

While in command of "Mason's Island"
and later of "Fort Simmond", he
performed his duties with satisfaction.
The officers at the latter place will
bear witness to the interest which he
manifested in that battalion and
his anxiety to make them thorough soldiers
eminent with all their duties.

At the battle of "Spoleysylvania Road"
he not only displayed personal
courage & bravery, but handled his
battalion with a good deal of
skill.

I am aware that during the latter part
of our stay in the defenses of Col Chaplin
frequently consulted Lt Col Talbot
on military points and which Col T's
systematic course of study enabled him
to decide, and I know that Col Chaplin

stood ready to recommend him to
a Colonelcy in some one of the new
regiments whenever I was qualified
him to that position.

I do not claim that Lt Col Galbreath
will make a brilliant - dashing
commander, but I do believe he will
prove an honest, faithful servant
of the Government, a cool brave and
reliable leader & a Just - in Command
He will exhibit - qualities of character
which as second in command he was
not at liberty to exercise -

In my previous dispatch I do not
feel able to present a full statement of the
case, one that will do justice to Col Galbreath -
As the Governor has here written this
letter to you, that you may see it as you
think best - I feel deeply interested in
this matter & anxiously await the result.

I am
Very truly

Yours

George W. Sabine

May 11th 1847 -