

Portland Me. Oct 7. 1863.

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I am well acquainted with
Capt A. P. Harris of the 5th Maine Vols having
served with him in the Army of the Potomac nearly
two years. He is a gentleman of unexceptionable
character and as an officer energetic - brave
and efficient. I have no doubt should he
be appointed to organize and command a Negro
Regt - he would be of great service to the
County. He is in my opinion fully competent
for the position.

My respectfully

E. A. Swannow

Late Lieut 5th Maine Vols