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**Letter, Thomas D. Eliot and S. Hooper to Abraham Lincoln, Signed  
by Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton, August 22, 1864**

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New Bedford Augt. 22<sup>d</sup> 1864

His Excellency A. Lincoln  
President of the United States

Dear Sir

I respectfully commend  
to your favorable consideration Mr. Am. G. Hodges of Boston  
Applicant for the office of Military Store Keeper in Boston  
now vacant. Mr. S. H. Montgomery held the office until  
his death and Mr. Hodges was in the office under him and  
is fully conversant with the duties of the office.

Mr. Hodges is son of the Hon. James L. Hodges who was  
in congress, I think some time with you, but possibly some-  
time earlier and I have heard the son highly recommended  
by those who know him well. I have no doubt from  
all I hear from Mr. Hodges that he is worthy and well  
qualified and I shall be glad if he may find favor with  
you.

(Signed) Thos. D. Eliot

From the representations which have been made to me in ref-  
erence to the character and the qualifications of Mr. Am.  
G. Hodges for the office of Military Store Keeper I fully concur  
with the Hon. Mr. Eliot in the above recommendation of  
him to your favorable consideration for appointment to  
fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Mr. Montgomery.

Boston Aug. 23<sup>d</sup> 1864

(Signed) S. Hooper

Endorsement by the President

I understand that the office sought  
is located in Mr. Hodges district;  
if this be a fact let the appointment  
be made unless there be a reason  
to the contrary unknown to me.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1864 (Signed) A. Lincoln

Endorsement by the Secretary of War

Referred to the Jr. Master Genl. to  
report if there is a vacancy in the  
Military Stockkeeping at Boston  
Mass.

Signed E. M. Stanton  
Sec. of War