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Date: June 13, 1863  
Description: Grenville Sparrow promotion certificate

His Excellency, Abner Coburn,  
Governor and Commander - in - Chief of the State of Maine.  
To Granville F. Sparrow of Portland

GREETING.

Whereas, By an act of Congress passed the twenty=second day of July, A. D. 1801, entitled "An Act to authorize the employment of Volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," and by an act in addition thereto passed the twenty=fifth day of the same July, the President of the United States was "authorized to accept the services of Volunteers, either as Cavalry, Infantry or Artillery, in such numbers, not exceeding five hundred thousand, as he may deem necessary for the purpose of repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection, enforcing the laws and protecting the public property," the said Volunteers to be subject to the provisions of said acts, and to the rules and regulations governing the army of the United States, and the rules and articles of war, and to serve for a term not exceeding three years: And Whereas, By said act of the twenty=second of July, and by General Orders of the War Department, the Governors of the States furnishing Volunteers are authorized and requested to appoint and commission the Field, Staff, and Company Officers requisite for the said Volunteers: And whereas, the President of the United States has authorized and required the State of Maine to furnish certain Regiments, to serve in the Voluntary Military Force authorized by said acts, for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged:  
Now, therefore, I, Abner Coburn, Governor of the State of Maine, in the name of the United States, and pursuant to the Authority and Duly aforesaid, in me vested, do hereby appoint you Second Lieutenant of the A Company of the Seventeenth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, a Regiment called for by the President as aforesaid, to take rank from the Third day of May, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty=three.  
You will, therefore, with honor and fidelity, discharge the duties of said office. And all inferior officers and soldiers are hereby commanded to obey you in your said capacity; and you will yourself observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from the President of the United States, or others, your superior officers.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the State, the Thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and in the eighty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency, the Governor

Joseph B. Hall

Secretary of State

John L. Hodsdon Adjutant General.

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Abner Coburn

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