



ISRAEL WASHBURN, Jr.,
Governor and Commander - in Chief of the State of Maine.

To John W. Channing of Fairfield Gentlemen
Greeting.

You having been elected, and also appointed, First Lieutenant of the E Company of Infantry in the Seventh Regiment, from the First Brigade, and Second Division of the Volunteer Militia of this State, raised in accordance with an act approved April 25, A. D. 1861, to take rank from the Eighth day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one:

Reposing special trust and confidence in your ability, courage, and good conduct, I do, by these Presents, in the name of the State, commission you accordingly. You will therefore, with honor and fidelity, discharge the duties of said office according to [seal] the Laws of this State, and to Military Rule and Discipline. And all inferior Registered Vol. H, No. 293 Officers and Soldiers, are hereby commanded to obey you in you said capacity; and you will yourself observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from

time to time, receive from the Commander-in-Chief, or others, your superior Officers. Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, the Twenty-first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By the Governor.
John L. Hodsdon Adjutant General. Joseph B Hall Secretary of State.

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