

Wed. King 18th Oct/61

Hon Alex. Ramsey.

Dear Sir

I hereby take pleasure, in recom-
mending Nelson De Charles of this
County to your favorable consid-
eration as a man of integrity &
honesty, and any recognition
of his claims to a Military ap-
pointment by you, would be
duly appreciated by his friends
& neighbors as well as by your
humble servant

Respectfully yours attd Servant
Charles Nelson

Received
Dec 18 1861
Charles Nelson

Charles McBlane
Auditing Nov 4/61

Recommends Capt
Marble

M.C.

Mathew Alexander

Recom. Lewis M.

Baker for commission

Oct. 31. 1861

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acknow. receipt or

[Oct. 31, 1861] 17

Dear Sir

This is to recommend to your favorable notice Lewis M. Baker a citizen of Allen now a private in Com B 2^d Wis Reg. Mr Baker is a young man of temperate habits and good moral character and an ardent patriot. When an effort was made by Col McPhail to raise a regiment in Houston Tex. Mr Baker's signature was amongst the first on the list he wished to serve under the banner of this his adopted state failing in that he went to Lacross and entered Capt. Colwell's com. and at Bulls Run assisted his Capt. in drawing off a piece of cannon from under the enemies

Evans, W. Myeff, and all of my old friends, give my respects to the girl, and don't forget to tell Ma, that I still remember her, write soon direct as before
Yours truly, Lewis M. Baker,

battery Mr Baker no doubt
has acquired a knowledge of his
profession that would enable him
to discharge the duties of Lieuten-
ant to which he aspires

We would therefore respectfully
recommend his appointment

The utility of appointing men
of practical knowledge to command
in companies of new levies is too obvious
to need any further suggestion

Inclosed is a specimen of Mr
Bakers writing. *James C*
Matthew Alexander
W. M. Wykoff

Bronsville
Min

Oct. 21. 1862
Baker for commission
Spec. for Mr.
Sherrill Captal

James C

I can drill a company as well as
any of them now, I am glad to
hear that Mr. See is elected, you
could not have done better, could
not Mr. See get me a commission
in the 3^d or 4th Minnesota Reg,

Winona Dec 11th 1861

For Alex Karsay

Dear Sir

I beg leave to introduce
the bearer, Mr C. M. Olsen
who is a gentleman in all
respects. Any favor shown
him will be gratefully
received by yours
most truly

James Kidpath

St Paul Decr, 12th 61.
His Excellency
Governor A Ramsey.

Will Your Excellency
allow me, to recommend to Your
favorable consideration a citizen
of this State, Mr C. von Bergeron,
for the position of field officer
of one of the Michigan Regiments.
Mr v Bergeron has been for
many years an officer of the
Prussian Army, serving as
Captain of a Company of
Cavalry; He took an active
part in the war in Schleswig-
Holstein, and afterwards resigned
his position, to serve as a private
in the Revolutionary War in Baden,
where he was elected Captain.

A. Becker
dec 12/61
Respects Mr. C. von Bergeron
made for military app.

and afterwards Lieutenant Colonel of
a Regiment of Cavalry. He then
was an exile in Switzerland &
finally sought a home in our
young State, his large family
property having been confiscated
by the Prussian Government.

Mr. C. von Bergess is a
perfect master of the English
Language, & well experienced
also in the Engineer, Topographical
&c. Departments. His great
merits, valor, education &
experience should entitle him,
perhaps above all other men
in this State, to one of the highest
positions in the Min. Dept.,
but modesty & a peculiar
self-pride prevented him from
urging his claims.

Thinking that Your Excellency
may perhaps, not have become
acquainted with these facts,

and being satisfied, that in our
present times of danger to our
liberty & Union, such men are
very much wanted, I took the
liberty of advising you of these facts.

Most respectfully
Your Excellency's

Most obedient servant

A. Preble

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Gen. Head Quarters
State of Minnesota
Adjutant General's Office
Saint Paul Dec. 25th 1861

Governor Ramsey.
Sir

Col. Brooks and
Mr. Gilbertson advise me that they
have twenty five men that they
can have mustered in to man
if we will commission for them
a 2nd Lieutenant. This number of
men would be entitled to one com-
missioned officer of that grade, and
as these men are unanimous in
their choice of the man, it seems
to me that there is no objection to
issuing a commission to the man
designated by them. The office of
Captain + 1st Lieutenant is left open
and the 2nd Lieutenant cannot be
mustered in till the company is
full. I will please signify to

Col Crooks your idea as to sending
this luminiferous name and I will
act accordingly.

Truist

John B Sartorius
Adj't. Gen.

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Adj. Gen. Sauton
Dec 25, 1861
in relation to appn
2^d Lieut for Co
Crook's Company

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Rochester N.Y. Dec 29th 1861

To The Hon A. Ramsay

Dear Sir

Having had but a very limited acquaintance (nearly an introduction) an apology is due for intruding myself upon your while under so great a pressure of business. Necessity alone compells me to break in upon your already crowded thoughts. During the last twelve years I have openly advocated the principles of the present Republican Party, and have advocated your election both times through the Press and otherwise, before your enemies as well as friends, without the hope or desire of any personal favour, but with the full conviction that it had done only my duty. Since I moved into this State (which was in the fall of 45) it has been

Post. to N. York
 and Jan 29/62
 asking a situation

almost a continued series of misfortunes
to me but unquestionably for the best.
During my life of 52 years I have
unhesitatingly, refused office of any
kind when tendered, choosing rather
to live by my Profession, which
has always afforded me a respect-
-able living, but now I am unable
to be broken of my regular refresh-
-ments without subjecting me to
sickness. Under these trying circum-
stances, I do most respectfully ask
of you to give me a situation in
some Department under your
control, which may be agreeable
to you and a blessing to your
humble servant. I am aware
Sir that that you are continually
burdened with such requests, but
Dear Sir by granting this request
you will confer a great blessing
on your petitioner, who will ever
pray that your confidence may

not be misplaced, and by
dispensing to the study we have
the assurance of the approbation
of Divine intelligence -

Allow me to remain yours ever

L. H. Kelly M.D.

P. S. I send enclosed a certificate
signed by my friends in this
County ~~which~~ to which I call your
attention

L. H. K.

received on application
of L. H. Kelly M.D.
of the County of
St. Louis
20th Nov 1844

To all whom it may concern

We the undersigned are personally acquainted with the bearer Doct L. H. Kelly and believe him to be a man temperate in habits, prompt in business and honest in practice and as such we cheerfully recommend him to the confidence of Community
 Rochester Dec 27. 1891

O. Stearns City at Law
 J. V. Daniels, State Senator
 E. W. Crocker City Recorder
 J. Leonard Postmaster -
 J. S. Woodard Alderman
 John E. Ellis Alderman
 G. W. C. Wright, Pastor, Ch. E. C.
 John S. Whitman, Pastor, Cong. Ch.
 L. B. Bliss Register of Deeds
 Geo W Baker Sheriff
 U. A. Madley Co Auditor
 John Clarke
 Mayor
 of Rochester

Saint Doughty
Lake City (mailed)
Dec. 28. 1861
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Lake City Dec 28/61
Hon A. Ramsey Esq
Dear Sir

I have a son that I am desirous
of getting into one of our Ohio
Regts. He is now attached to
"Genl Rosecrans Command
in Western Virginia"

He has seen service. And under-
stands Military Tactics. And
also the duties of the different
Officers. If which we can give you
Satisfactory references. And there
should be an opportunity to give
him an appointment. You
would oblige many friends in
Wabash Co.

With Respect, Yours
Saml. Doughty

Jan. 20, 1862
Boston Massachusetts Jan: 20th 62

Mrs. Ramsey.

Governor of Minnesota.

St. Paul.

Governor!

Your last favor has come to hand, I am obliged to you for your kind attention towards me, but sorry to inform you, that circumstances have arisen lately which destroys somewhat the former arrangements.

In my last letter I informed you, that the 3. Cav. Comp: would, together with one other Comp., form a Battalion in the Regiment of "Curtis Horse" to be called the "Minnesota Battalion"; it was the mutual understanding between the 3. Capt: that I should be recommended for this Battalion as Major, likewise we agreed upon the other Battalion appointments; until Mr Brackett found an opportunity to obtain through distresses means other influences by which he will probably get the appointment.

Not only my opinion of horror but also the responsibility I have towards my company induced me to at least get out of this battalion; I therefore applied to the Colonel to be with my company transferred back to the Iowa Battalion, which request he granted; the Minnesota Companies are hereby separated and the name of "Minnesota Battalion" can not properly be applied to it, it is with some feelings of reluctance that I do make these statements to you but there are plenty reasons which account for it, besides I would not like to serve under a man without military knowledge, military experience and an unreliable man; I would not suffer my men to be led into the battle by such a commander.

My position in this regiment is such that I would prefer a change and I therefore take the liberty to request you that when the time should come to appoint field officers for the 5th Regiment

I would like to be considered by you;
you ~~found~~ consider me fit for
such position in a Regiment of Caval-
ry; I think I could fill out this posi-
tion better in an Infantry Regiment,
not only is the service itself not as
difficult besides 4 years experience
in time of war should enable me
somewhat. —

I shall feel sorry however if I have
to leave my company especially
now when we stand on the eve of
action, we are under marching
orders and in a very short time,
men will have a chance to be tested.

Hoping to give my applications
such considerations as you see
fit I remain

very respectfully.

Yours obt. servant

H. W. Widen.

Anoka Jan^y 22 1862

Gen Alex Ramsay

Honored Sir

Yours of the 4th inst was duly
 rec^d - I judge from the contents you are
 more than inclined to help me, in the matter
 of giving my Brother udson B. a Commis-
 sion, when the occasion that would admit of
 it arises to use your language. I think
 perhaps you might appoint him as one
 of the four Lieut^s in the Second Artil^y
 Comp^y. Capt Natchikip, It is a difficult
 matter for me to leave my Father, & go
 down to the Fort & engineer the matter
 through the Comp^y in Feb I would
 say there are some twenty to thirty from this
 section in that Comp^y that would be glad
 to send him as their Lieut. although some of
 them are at present working for themselves
 in hopes of getting some appointments, consequently
 would not work for him, yet if he had the
 appointments would prefer him to any other

Excepting themselves. It has a precedent in your
appointing young Foster from the Regt. to a
Commission in the 2^d Regt. My Bro. writes me
that his Capt. has offered to give him a certificate
of his ability (in his opinion) for a Lieut. & my brother
thinks he can by the 1st of March be able to pass
an examination for a 2^d Lieut. in the Regular
Army. He is anxious to get into the Regular
Service but it will be some time probably
before there is any opening for him.

I had a letter this last week from
Col. Neal Dow, he says he expects to leave
his State with his Regt. (1st Maine) in two
weeks, & that he will use his influence for my
Brother's promotion or change into the regular service.

I want him to get a Commission from this State
first, I think it will be soon to his credit &
future standing with his fellow officers. Besides
it may be some months before there is any open-
ing & then again there are, as you may surmise
many other reasons. My Bro. will make
a good ^{Compt} dull officer & they will need one in the
infantry tactics, in this Artillery Compt.

If it is impossible for you to do this - Cannot

you give him a Commission in one of the
Compt of the 5th Regt? They will need a
good Compt dut officer.

If you cannot do this, will you give me
a letter, recommending him to the attention
of his Col? That I may forward to my
brother to hand to the Col. This last may
not be of much service, yet it will call the
attention of the Col. to him & he may be led
to give him a chance to show what he
can do - My Bro writes, he stands the hard
marching, and all the arduous duties without
giving ground, while many who have been
brought up as he has, have been obliged to be
relieved from duty - He has been nine days
& nights on pickets duty without getting any regular
sleep - only as he could catch "cat naps" - He is
growing strong & fat, & likes Camp life notwithstanding
the hardships - They are expecting you on their
soon - Should he be there when you arrive
please, call him to your quarters & do what you
can for him - he writes they have not proper
arms to go into action with - also that there are
two hundred men on the sick list besides some who

have the favor signed. My Brother was one of the first
 that came into this State. (he came in the year 1837) and
 as I have said before has expended time & money in
 recruiting for P. & Q. Regts. & is employed as a good drill officer
 for a Compt

Respectfully Yours

J. M. Shaw
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Aug 27/62

Wm. Shaw
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St Paul Jan 28/62

Dear Sir,

The man, desu'd

in the case in question, is James E. Doughty, Co. A. Capt. M. E. Smith's ~~Regt.~~, 23rd Regt. Ohio Vol's.

Will you please enclose the certificate to his father, James Doughty, of Lake City, & should you be able to give any directions, by which the matter can be consummated as an early date, the kind act, will be appreciated by his father &

Yours humble
A. Ramsey
Gov. of Minn

John T. Avenir

If I can ever serve you, in any way, please, J. T. A.

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John T. Averill
Jan 25 1862
asking for information
as to commission
as Lieut for the
Doughty of Lake
City

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