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General:

I inclose herewith a brief sketch of the military history of Lieut. Col. J. D. Chamberlain of the 20th Regt. He rose by force of his own character from the ranks, and filled a variety of difficult positions with marked ability and success. I was intimately associated with him, and know no officer of his rank whose services were more valuable to the Government, or creditable to the State, and it would be extremely gratifying to his numerous friends, if you will make special mention of him in your work.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Ellis Spear

Genl. J. S. Hodsdon.
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