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Ad. Lrs. 20th Regt. Maine Vols
3rd Bgd. 1st Div. 5th Army Corps
Army of the Potomac.

Camp at Beverly Ford on
The Rappahannock River,
Virginia.
September 3rd 1863.

John L. Woodson
Adjt Genl. State of Maine

General

I wish to express to you
in behalf of The regiment & for myself, our respect
for the character and appreciation of the services
of our late Surgeon, Major John Benson of Newport.
His kindness & discrimination & the unusual assiduity
with which he applied himself to the duties of
his Office, rendered him exceedingly useful
and popular with the regiment, while his marked
ability gave him at once high reputation with
other surgeons of the Army.

It is a matter of unusual regret that failing
health rendered it necessary for him to leave the
service.

I have the honor Genl. to be very
Respectfully your Obt. Servant.

Charles D. Simone
Lt. Col. Commanding 20th Maine Vols.

over

Head Quarters 3^d Brigade 1st Div. 5th Corps.
September 3^d 1863

I most
cordially endorse the above testimonial of
Col. Wilmore.

J. A. Chamberlain

Colonel Comdg. 3^d Brigade

In addition to a full and cordial
endorsement of the motion I would state
that I examined Surg. Benson while
sick and recommended him to resign
as that was the only procedure likely
to save his life.

Hd Qrs 3^d Brig.
Sept 3 1863.

W. T. Spencer

Surg. in Chief 3^d Brig
1st Div. 5th Corps.

Hd. Qrs. 1st Div. 5th Corps
Office of Surgeon in Chief
Sept. 3, 1863

I fully concur in the above, & consider
the resignation of Surgeon Benson, rendered
necessary by sickness, as a great loss

to his regiment & one not easily filled
Edward Shippen
Surgeon in Chief