Head Quarters Army of the Potomac
Camp near Sharpsburg, Md. October 4, 1862

To His Excellency the Governor
of the State of Maine:

Sir,

In view of the reduced and shattered condition
of the Seventh Regiment of Maine Volunteers, the result of arduous service
and exposure during the campaigns on the Peninsula and in Maryland.

I made on the 2nd instant a special application to the War Department
that the regiment should be sent to report to you in Maine that it might
be recruited and reorganized under your personal supervision. Yesterday
received the necessary authority; and as you will observe, by the Copy of
Special Order No. 271, from these Head Quarters enclosed herewith, I send

the regiment to you for the purpose indicated. I beg that when the purpose
shall have been accomplished, that the regiment may be ordered to report
to me with all practicable dispatch.

In returning this gallant remnant of a noble
body of men, whose bravery has been exhibited on every field almost in the
campaigns cited, to the State whose pride it is to have sent them forth,
I feel happy that it has been in my power to express, even in this
insufficient manner my appreciation of their services and of their value
to this Army. And I will continue on the latter account to
ask...
ask your excellency's best endeavors to fill at once their diminished ranks that I may soon again see their standard in the Army of the Potomac.

I am, with much respect,

[Signature]
Geo. McCullough
Maj. Gen. U.S.A.