

Washington March 6th 1868

Dr. Coburn -

Sir: I have recently returned from the "Army of the Potomac" where I went to visit the Hospitals connected with several of our Maine Regiments.

I found them all in good condition, save that of the 17th which sadly felt the want of a good Surgeon. There were sixteen patients, and among them several severe cases of Fever in this Hospital, beside nineteen patients from this Regiment in the Division Hospital.

Dr. Dexter Medical Director of the Division, told me he had that day reported the bad state of this Hospital to Capt. H. D. Do.

The Soldiers are suffering, dying from
the want of a Senior Surgeon.

There is a most efficient and
worthy Surgeon from our own State, (A. W.
H. Andrews of Warren) now in charge of
a Brigade Hospital, at Fairfax Court-House
Va. - who would I know, gladly connect himself
with a Maine Regiment; and from recommenda-
tions, and the position he has received from
the Surgeon General, must be second to none -

That you will Commission him, or some
other reliable person, to this vacancy in the
unfortunate 17th is the desire of all those
who know their necessities -

Very Respectfully,

Wm. Chas. C. S. Sampson

To the Excellency

G. Coburn - Governor of Maine -