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1863-03-06 Sarah Sampson reports to Governor Coburn the condition of the hospitals in Washington

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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 told the want of a good Surgeon. There were 500 patients, and among them a large number were from the 17th, besides nineteen patients from the 5th Regiment in the Division Hospital.

Dr. Peffer, Medical Director of the Division, told me he had that day reported the bad state of their Hospital to the War Department.
The Soldiers are suffering, dying from the want of a senior Surgeon.

There is a most efficient and worthy Surgeon from our own State, (Dr. Wm. A. Andrews of Warren) now in charge of a Brigade Hospital, at Fairham, Kent - Vic. The wrong I know, gladly consent himself with a Maine Regiment, and from recommendations, 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 named in the unfortunate 17th is the drain of all time the honor their necessities.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. Ever. A. A. Sanderson

To His Excellency,

Ex. Governor of Maine.