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Hon. Israel Washburn

Dr. Sir, excused

with public duties and the cares
and responsibilities attendant
upon your position in a time like
the present, you have probably for-
gotten your kind promise in relation
to enlisting papers. I have been
looking for them anxiously, and you
will readily pardon me for calling
it to your attention. In a time
like this, when our country is
extreme peril, is calling imper-
atively upon all who are able and
especially her young men, to go to
her rescue, I do not wish to be
among those who stay at home
for it is inexcusable, perhaps, to de-
sire some better position than that
of a common soldier. If not ^{an} excuse
it is, as probably you have not failed
to observe, a very common desire.
of my qualifications for a better po-

At times of course I cannot speak
indeed I doubt if I know what
they are myself but I may state
without impropriety that I have some
little knowledge of military duties
acquired by several years service
in a volunteer company at home
and a years residence in the
military academy at Chorwicks
etc. I understood from you that a
commission would be contingent
upon success in raising recruits
by this I am very willing to abide
and take my chance with others and
should I receive the papers and
requisite authority, as I most ear-
nestly hope may be the case, I shall
devote myself with whatever energy
I may possess to that end.

Very Respectfully Yours

D. H. Snow

Bangor July 15, 1862.

Reverend L. W.

Applies for a Commission