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Adjutant General Correspondence

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**1861-05-01 Andrew J. Church offers his services as chaplain to
Adjutant General Washburn**

Andrew J. Church

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Augusta May 1st 1861.

Gen Hodeston

Dear Sir,

I submitted my proposition to
Gov Washburn the day the extra
session of the Legislature was called -
to become a Chaplain to one of the
regiments of volunteers called out to
defend our Country's Flag. I have
learned that the Gov does not
appoint the Chaplains - but the
Colonels of the Regiments. And that
your recommendation would go far
to determine the matter. I should be
glad to devote my strength, health
and life to the intellectual and
moral improvement of these gallant
sons of Maine. I could teach them
Singing - the love of Country and
the fear of the Lord. Will you please
consult J L South, E Fermo or
S Hayward of Augusta as to my

Character, ability and fitness for
the work of a Chaplain.

I appreciate the delicacy and
difficulty of the undertaking; but
would bring to a sincere love
of my fellows - of the gospel I
preach - and of hard labor.

I should be glad if you can
recommend me for the Regiment
to form on the Kemetic -

and ever grateful for
your influence.

I am yours truly
A. Church

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