

West Point N.Y. May 6. 1861

Sir,

I understand that the President has refused to let Officers of the regular Army serve in any capacity with the Volunteers while holding their line commissions. I had intended to resign my commission this fall till the difficulties of the Government made it improper. But now if I can better serve the country I may make elsewhere I will not hesitate to tender my resignation. I offer you my services with this understanding. I could not take a position till after our June examination very well. I have been stationed in Augusta & am well known there. [over]

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. S. Surg.

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To/
Gen. Washburn
of Maine

P.S. I know that the regimental officers are elected, but
have thought that my education & experience might
make it desirable to some regiment to choose me
to serve in some capacity above the rank of Captain.
My pay & Emoluments here are ^{nearly} equivalent to a
Captain's pay in the line. It will be no great
sacrifice to me to resign provided it can be
done with honor. Resp'y - C. O. H.