



State of Maine.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Adjutant General's Office,

^{Wm. A.}
Doct. J. G. R. Augusta, June 18th 1861.

The commissioning of yourself as Surgeon of the 4th Regiment was & is, wholly unauthorized & void, the Governor having never appointed you, nor until a few moments since, being aware that such commission had issued.

I was led into this error, from seeing you uninformed and being told by you that you had been before the Surgical Board appointed by the Governor, & passed a satisfactory examination, & that arrangements had been made with the Surgeon General for carrying you to the examination in miller have informed me tonight, in the Governor's presence, that such was not the fact, & the most favorable position they can accord you, will be that of Assistant Surgeon. If it was this information, which the Governor required, prior to authorizing the issue of any commission. If the conclusions of those gentlemen in this matter, he is not at liberty to disregard.

The Commission was signed in blank & its issue was unknown to him until this evening.

I am now directed by Governor Washburn, (in order to avoid the necessity of publishing an order, vacating the appointment,) to require the immediate return of that commission to me. & upon receipt thereof, one as Assistant Surgeon, will be forwarded you.

P. Doct. W. A. & Dinkes
Requesting return of
Leominster
June 18, 1865