

State of Maine.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Adjutant General's Office,



Augusta, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1861

Mr Hoppins, Dear Sir,

There has been no appointment of Assistant Surgeon of 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment by the Governor. The Commission issued you, was signed in blank, & neither he, nor myself, were aware of its existence until this evening. The error was committed by the clerk in charge of the blank commissions, & I am unable to imagine how he could have made such a mistake. He is out of town & I am left without an explanation.

The Governor was awaiting the report of the Examining Board

of Surgeons, upon candidates qualifications,  
for authority to make these appointments,  
by that report, which excludes you, is but  
this moment received.

The commission is made  
void upon the Records of this office  
& it will save the necessity of pub-  
lishing the fact of its being nullity  
of the circumstances of its issue, if you  
will forthwith return it to me.

For Help King  
assistant  
Surgeon, is  
appointed  
June 11