

4<sup>th</sup> Surgeon

Camp Knott Washington D.C. July 11/61

John G. Holliston Adj. Gen. State Mass

Sir. Yours

of the 18<sup>th</sup> ult. was duly received, & I have been diligent getting information as to the proper course for me to pursue.

Before answering your letter I have thing far taken a fair & perfectly honorable course. Your statement before the medical board, that I represented to you that my examination before ~~them~~ was successful is entirely false. I never told you any such thing. you are mistaken. I knew nothing of the verdict passed upon my examination & said nothing to you or any one else in relation to it. I supposed the gov. had information in regard to that matter. I am informed from the war department that, having been duly mustered into the service of the M.S. I am advised, that I cannot under the



laws of the U. S. Surrender my commission, or vacate the same, or be otherwise discharged the service except by the order of the President of the U. S., or the sentence of a court martial. See Major Rules & Art. of War. I sincerely hope that I may not be further disturbed in regard to the holding of my commission

With the highest respect.

Wm. A. Banks

John L. Hodsdon Apt Gen Name