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Geo. Washburn

Your letter of the 26 ult. concerning the appointment of Dr. Auckings as assistant Surgeon of the 22^d Maine Regt. was recd yesterday. My intention is to muster him out of service as soon as possible if I can do so but I am informed by the medical department at Washington that notwithstanding the irregularity of the appointment and the mustering in he cannot be removed or mustered out unless charges prejudicial to his skill or integrity can be brought and sustained against him.

My wish is to follow implicitly the suggestions which your Excellency may see fit to make on the subject.

I am Sir your

Obt. & humble servant

S. G. Gerrard

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