

To his Excellency I Washburn Gov. of Maine
you with others who advised the calling out of the
nine months men, we would Inquire why
they were suffered to leave the State in this
Season of the year before receiving all their
clothes and no Rubber blanket hurried throth
to Washington there in sight of the Capital
to stand out two days and nights in a
cold ^{vt} northeast Rain storm, nothing but
the Heavens to cover them, In that storm
I had a dear son, reared tenderly and
of delicate Health, suffered through this
storm also a brother Lieutenant of Company
Co. 22d Maine who writes that he is sick
at that they are all drifting towards the
Hospital, my son writes that he has
had nothing to eat but wheat Bread &
tin cup of tea, except what they bought,
he carried about nine dollars with him he
supposed would last till he received some
from this State or the General Government
he writes he has spent most all for

Something to Eat, the thought of his
Sufferings wrings my very heart,
when I consented that he should save
his Country, I supposed he would be
properly loved for, think of it you who
have dear children. I forgot to say in the
time before he wrote they had meat now.
I believe when he wrote he had been in
Washington 3 or 4 days

I would Inquire if the Colonel had a
right to remove Commissary Surgeon
after sworn in to U.S. without any cause
but to put in a Favorite whom
the Soldiers disliked

the young man that was removed was
John Westly Knowles a nephew of
mine, both honest and capable.

I hope you will see that our troops
are properly loved For

Yours most Respectfully

Elmanah Knowles
Harrison Maine Nov. 8th. 1862

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Knowles, E.

Concerning his Son