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Gen Hoelgedon Sir Col Howard requests me to write to you  
for my discharge & he will sign it the reason for so doing  
before leaving Augusta he told the Band master Mr Barker  
to put my name on the Band list & when we got to  
Washington he would appoint me drum Major but he has  
altered his mind & as he has got a full compliment in  
his band he says he will sign my discharge & as I lost all  
I had in South Carolina last Winter it is very necessary  
for me to be a doing something for my family & I want  
to get my discharge as soon as possible if I had been drum  
Major I should had all my luggage carried in a Wagon but  
if I turn drummer I should have to carry my own pack &  
that I am not able to do for I am most sixty years old  
if you will be so good as to write me as soon as get you  
will confer a great ~~on~~ favor for me & my family for I  
dont know how soon we may be called for to go further  
South I suppose you know how to direct a letter to  
Band of the Third regiment of Maine

Yours respectfully

Edgar M Churchill



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