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His Excellency Gov Washburn

A few days since I rec'd
a commission as Asst Surgeon of
the 6th Me. Regt. it having been
delayed some weeks I think, owing
to being misdirected. Later I rec'd
a letter from you notifying me of the
case &c.

Now Sir it will be very in-
convenient both for myself & the
22^d Reg. for me to leave. It
is strongly probable, as you are
already aware, the Dr Cook, the
2^d Asst Surgeon of the 22^d will
be removed, so that if I go to
the 6th, this Regt will be left
with but one Surgeon, a medical
force entirely incompatible with
the amount of sickness in the

Reg. already

The officers of this Reg.
strongly oppose such a change
& yielding to their strongly ex-
pressed wish. I respectfully
decline the Commission in the
6th & request you to favor me
with a Com. in the 22^d

Expressing sincere regret for
any disarrangement in your
plans in consequence

I am Sir
Yr Obedt Servt
Jas Hacking
Asst Surg 22^d Me Reg.