

Apex Mass. Aug 5th 1861

Respected sir

Please excuse the liberty I take
In addressing you at this time
But wishing for information about
The laws of your state, In regard ^{to} aid
For the Families of soldiers that have
Gone to the wars, and not knowing
The name of any other Officer I have taken
The liberty of to address you,
Hoping that you may have time and
Inclination to send me the desired
Information,

I have a Brother in law in the
3^d Maine Regiment, Company A, Capt Sawyer,
Bath City ^{guy's}

His name is William C. Howard
Had at the time of his enlistment, a wife
And one child, But has two children now one
Having been born since he left.

I wish to ascertain whether or not there
Has been any aid provided by the state, or
By the towns through the state, as is the case
In our state,

But the law applies only to those
Enlisting in this State, consequently
my Brother's family will receive none, except
it be given outright by the town.
And our town not seeming to be quite
so patriotic, according to, as the state, I fear
they will have to go rather short.

His Family are in need of aid and if
there is any for them in the State or City
where he enlisted, you will confer a lasting
obligation to them, by sending the desired
information.

I almost know you will try and
and do this little kindness, because I see you
as well as our own good governor, andrew, have
been out to the seat of war to look after
the welfare of the soldiers.

Please write at your convenience, and send
me any information you may deem necessary
in the case.

If necessary I can send any amount of
evidence as proof that his family are here,

Israel Washburn^{sr}
Governor of
Maine

Very respectfully yours
Elisha B. Anable
Brother in law to Wm C Howard

P.S.

Please address Elisha B. Anable
Essex County, Essex
Massachusetts

By
B. Washburn
B. Washburn

Order Made

Aug. 6. 1861.

Anable E. B.

asks information about that aid

Eliza B. Quaker
Essex, Mass.
Aug 5.