

Camp Washburn, Alex<sup>ia</sup> Va.

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

Hon J. Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

I am a

volunteer by your request. serving in  
the third Regiment of V. M. M. Co. B. of  
Augusta, and knowing that there  
has been Petitions signed and sent  
to you for a furlough or discharge

I wish to inform you that if any  
has been sent from this Company  
it is a forgery, or els got up very  
secretly by some homesick booby.

there is a few in every Company who  
are continually harping and thinking  
about home, which creates a disagree<sup>able</sup>  
feeling among whole Companies  
if those selfish ones could be got  
rid of we should have more Peace  
We have found things rather disagreeable

Sometimes but have not actually  
Suffered any yet, our defeat at Bulls  
Run was disastrous to our discipline  
and we had some inconveniences  
thereby, but now we are pleasantly  
located, and begin to be ourselves again  
many men in the regiment got the  
idea into their heads that the Government  
could not hold us longer than three  
mos. out of the State of Maine, hence  
arose those petitions referred to.

Col. Howard read <sup>us</sup> a  
letter which he received from you, it  
appeared to upset their going home logic  
and I have not heard so much about  
it since, I for one came out here  
to help protect our glorious union and  
am willing to fight, suffer or even  
die if need be for the same object.  
I have many endearments at home  
to call my attention, but if I should  
send a petition to my Gov. for a recall  
when my help was most needed

here, I should not dare hold up my  
head after I arrived in Maine,

we are bound to crush out Rebellion  
establish the flag of our country over each  
State, and return to you, bearing  
the same flag which you saw us  
wave when we left Augusta, soiled  
and butte worn it may be but not  
dishonored! and this sentiment  
I believe to be cherished in the  
Augusta Companies if not in all

Pardon me for addressing you  
but I could not bear to think that our  
company should be misrepresented

I have often been at your beautiful  
home in Orono Me. and am your

Humble Servant

P. S.

C. Co. B. 3 Reg.

one of our men died last  
night in the Hospital, cause - sore throat.  
-weather delightful - C. :

Y<sup>rs</sup>, Aug 15, 1861

C - Co. B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Me. Inf.

Jo. A. Washburn

"C" Massachusetts  
Aug. 15.