

Boscawen Aug 2 1781
Gen Washburn

Dear Sir

It is with a sad heart I sit down to make known to you my request it is painful for me to do so I am just raised from a bed of Sickness for I am a Widow with 7 Children & the One that was my sole dependance is at Washington in the defence of his Country Samuel Nash he is in the 2 Maine Regt Col Garrison his Commander he is with the rest of his Comrades who stood firm in the hour of trial he is unmarried except a Comeliness which is unknown to me And as my Circumstances^{cap} are such that I need him at home to assist me in taking care of a healthless family My Oldest Son at home is Cripple My Oldest daughter is out at

we fear Sometimes that death has
marked her for his Victims as my dear
husband and Oldest daughter have fallen
a Victim to the fatal Monster My health
and Circumstances are such I have written
to my Son to come home if he can
leave honorable he is willing to come
home but wished me to write to you
concerning the matter he is all the
One that I have to look to as he has
assisted me in taking care of my ^{little} father
since his Father's death I don't see
any way for me if he could come
but my poverty must be broken &
Scattered but for God I thought
as there are so many that are not
only willing to go to fight for their
Country but are anxious to be in the
field And hoping you might be
one that would feel for Others who
~~would be willing to feel for Others~~ Will
you not hear the cry of the Widow
and the fatherless

in this hour of trial please
let me have a line from you
in favour of his release I ^{and} understand
this morning he was found on the
battle field wounded he requested
his friend to take his Mason &
a few articles to bring home to
his Mother please do grant his
release an Oblige a feeble
and Lamenting Mother
in haste

please write to his Commander
if you can release him
if you could have a letter
from Dr Allen he knows
my history Yours Respectfully
Eleanor Nash
in haste

Mrs. Mark
Paradiseburg

asked for the discharge of her
son from the 20th Me. Vols.

Mark, Me. E.

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