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Sir

Your kind letter of 20th inst came duly to hand. For the kind & generous sentiments contained therein please accept my warmest thanks. That I have had much to bear & much to do is indeed true, & that that your burdens have also been exceedingly heavy none for a moment can doubt. I know of no remedy by which any of us can throw off our troubles & responsibilities at this time with an unscrupulous ease, every thing being away at the very gates of our Nation's Capital - I for one shall bear in any capacity which befalls until the dawn of a better day for our struggling Country - The difficulty in my Regiment occurred in Company N. (Barnsman) I have feared it a long time - I hope however that my troubles are over in this respect as I have broken the Company & have sent our Officer recruiting - I desire a full Company Officers & all for my Reg. in lieu of Co N & to take its place - Any facilities you can grant ~~to me~~ to aid me in obtaining recruits will be gratefully remembered.

I send you my list

of expenditures for Regiment since I left home
until Sept 1st - It is quite small compared with
others. Of that however I can only say. Not one cent of
the amount was expended for my self or for any
Officer in the Regiment - It was expended to convey
back to the afford that nourishment & comfort to the men
to the smallest possible amount which I could in any
way get along with & not allow my men to suffer
for the most common necessities of life & health - I
hope that it may occasion no remark other than that
it was rightfully appropriated - It would have been largely
immediately after the Battle, but if I had had more money I
should all I had & all I could find in the Regiment & have
paid it to those of whom I borrowed out of my own
savings - Will you be so kind as to
send check for amount to John T Berry Rockland
Maine. (My Brother) -

I shall write again to Major for
Commissions for Officers elected to fill vacancies -

Every thing goes well with us
My Surgeons Department is in good condition. I
wish if possible to have the Government now with me
as Surgeons Commissioned herewith of passing

Respectfully Your Servant

Hon Washington
for me -

W^m Berry
J. M. M.

My dear Sir
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Col. H. C. Berry,
4th Regt.
Sept. 27

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