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My Dear Governor

I make no pretensions
to patriotism - I have no desire to go to
the War, but on the contrary would
much prefer to remain at home.
but it seems to me if any one have
considered this war as a Holiday af-
fair it is quite time they should
at once dismiss all such thoughts
from their minds, for we have not only
rebels to contend with abroad, but rebels
and traitors at home, so Sir I wish to
say, that though I seek no place, if
in your judgment, I can make myself
useful in any capacity, at the seat
of war, over which you have every
control. I am ready and willing
to go - My wife says if I can indeed
go and she would willingly go but
for the little ones - I have no great
military experience - True I was once
a corporal at West Waterville, where
Robinson Cornforth was an officer,
and "Hosson" was private, and
ran off the muster list after

I had got my quarters as did the rest of the company, but that was when they played trumps. I was Sergeant of a Regiment in Picoutague in time of the Amastook War and again at Brittons mills when Elsiea Cookidge commanded the Bear Mountain Cavalry. But in those days I was young and ambitious and brave. Now I might be cowardly and retreat at the sound of the enemys guns, but I am willing to try the experiment.

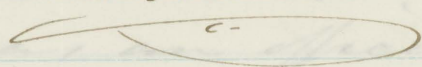
I am exceedingly sorry for the trouble in the 2nd Maine, though I have had reason to fear it for a number of weeks. In the neighborhood where my father lives five young men went into that regiment. They were first rate young men, and from accounts brought home at Bulls Horn of the five one was killed one wounded and now two are to be sent to Tortugas. Banetti's father. Their father is an excellent man. Has for years been one of the Select men of Hingham.

and the sons were considered as good
and respectable young men as there
were in town. I don't doubt but they
were dealt with according to the rules
of war, but I think there must have
been some fault with those holding
higher places than they did, else they
would not have placed themselves
in such a situation. I would not have
troubled you with a recital of this case, but
that many of the people hereabouts believe
the soldiers have done their duty better than
the officers, and right a wrong most of those
persons, who know the Barretts believe there
must have been great wrong in their
suspicions, though every one so far as I
have heard had confidence in the Colonel
and his staff. I am exceedingly gratified
that my friend Dr. McRae has received
an appointment. I think him at least
equal to any man in the state for
such a position.

Very truly yours

Yr servant

S. B. Morrison



Rev. J. Washburn Dr.

Bangor. Me.
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Tenders his services. in such
capacity as he may be needed
and presents the case of
Members 2nd Me. Regt sentenced
to Fortugas

S. B. Morrison
Bangor
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