

Portland Octo 2nd 1861.

Hon Isaac Washburne

Augusta Maine -

Allow me

to trespass upon your time so much as
to present the Case of Mrs Hamilton, two
Sons. both of whom enlisted in the
1st Regiment, last April or May - the
object of this is to ask if you can
discharge of one of the Sons from
the Service - I am led to do this -
from the fact that their Widower Mother is
nearly heartbroken at the thought of the only
~~and~~ the Sons she has and relying upon whom
they can earn as a support of quite a family
of Sisters still young.

Wm P Hamilton a Lad of 18 years the youngest
of the two Brothers is in Camp & ready for Service
while the other Charles E. Hamilton is desirous
of remaining Home that he may do all in his power
for the Support of Mother & Sisters - and it is in behalf of
them all knowing the peculiar Circumstances as I do that
I ask that you ^{if it is possible for you to grant the favor to} ~~will~~ order an Honorable discharge
of Charles E. Hamilton ^{the older Brother -} if there were any other Brothers or Father
neither of them would ~~ask~~ ^{for} a moment to be released.

Remain You Obedt Servt Wm Chase

Portland, Me.

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Chase, W.

Applies for the discharge
of one of Mrs Hamiltons sons.