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Dear Sir

Yours of the 18 is now before me, and I am happy to tell you that some of the diseases there mentioned when I last wrote you had much diminished, & these things looked better. The Reg. however is still in a forlorn condition. The ranks are thinned by sickness, resignation, & arrest, it will take upwards of 400 men to fill up the ranks, and probably more as there are a great number who are unfit for the discharge on acct. of various diseases - Whatever men are recruited I hope will be strictly examined as many of the last sent out will have to be returned immediately on account of causes which existed when they enlisted & which even a slight examination ought to have detected.

I know my dear Sir the perplexity of your situation and as far as in me lies I will do all I can to relieve you of trouble here. The causes of discontent are

numerous and the resignation of
Col. Jameson is not the least
as the men were much attached
to him, they are equally so to Col
Roberts & Dury, who I think are
patent officers & hope they will
be promoted immediately.

I expect daily to be detached
to a Brigade till then I will stay
with the Regt, but I think you
had better be looking out for
another Surgeon & Ass. Surgeon for
the 2^d Regt as I think Humble
may go home soon, much pre-
judice exists in the Regt against
the Humble, but he must all
prejudices entirely unaccountable
that it makes his situation very
uncomfortable & it is impossi-
ble for him to do justice to them or
himself - I see the wants of the
Regt. & I know of no person there
would in my opinion suit them as
Surgeon so well as Dr. G. Morrison
of Bangor, they do not require a Surgeon
of much scientific attainments but
rather a practical and a sympathizer
and a adviser & I know from my experience

of being him act as City Physician then
he is a man who is a doctor for such
a place as this Post. Should you be
active, you would have of course to
supply his place & should you
call away you can have the
promotion to the office of Surgeon
You may depend upon it that he
is the man for the place.

I have much more to say to you
in regard to the causes of that
cutting which I will soon send
to Dr. Luller or yourself who I
think see you.

In the mean time rest
assured of my wish to serve
you & the Country.

Respectfully
Yours
Wm. B. Beane

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Gov. of Mass.

Dr. McClellan
Washington
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