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Head Quarters 4th Me.

Nov. 21st, 1861.

Hon. J. Washburn Jr.
Gov. of Maine

Dear Sir:

Distrusting my capacity for the place, I have concluded, after a full consultation with Col. Barry, to accept the 14th.

Col. B. will desire to have you appointed without regard to election, to fill vacancy. I shall not leave here till I am needed there. Col. B. wishes me to stop as long as I can, or till the fall campaign closes. This is my desire, if consistent.

I should be glad to be advised of the progress of the 14th - when it will go into camp &c; also all applications made to you for places. Will Mr. Harris of Portland, of whom you spoke to me, take the adv^y?

I think we may have a movement here within ten days. If so, I desire to go with the 4th. After this I have no doubt, the Regt. will go into winter quarters, or South. Ten days I think, will close the fall campaign
over

Accept my thanks for the kind confidence
me. I can only give you assurance of my
best efforts in the discharge of the duties of my
new position, and hope that the 14th May hereafter
show that your confidence has not been
misplaced.

Yours

July 2^d

F. S. Vickers