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Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir

I wish I could write you  
one letter without filling it with requests, favors  
and complaints &c. for your head and heart  
must both be worn out with the accumula-  
tion of disagreeable things which they have had to  
bear and remedy - I am sure I should  
rather face one of Jeff Davis' master batteries  
any more than have to be the scape goat of every  
discontented officer or soldier -

I fear you will not receive my letter <sup>in time</sup> advising  
The revokement of Dr. Monrois appointment, I  
think the opposition is all prejudice I really be-  
lieve, was it not for the unfavorable prepossessions  
that exist, he would be the very best man they  
could get, but as it is, I hope for his own sake  
he will not come out, neither will it do for  
Dr. Abbott, his habits ought to be an objection to  
him. An entire stranger, if he has industry &  
decision, with good habits would be the best man  
I am very sorry to see that our best Physicians  
are so backward to proffer their services for this  
Campaign, I think the time will come when they  
must feel ashamed of themselves for their backward-  
ness in coming forward to the help of their Country



and Countrymen - We have some of the best <sup>in the Army</sup> medical gentlemen in N York, Phil & Boston, & I should like to see the best of the Profession in Maine prompted and acting up to the motto of Their State Arms -

I shall either send back the Ind. Case or learn it with the Regt. when I learn which will be in a day or two I assure you my dear Sir These you would hardly know them to be the same party of men that they were a few weeks ago, they are so improved in every respect - now for business -

You recollect that you wrote me when in Bangor that you would allow me the pay of a Hospital Surgeon while attending to the Barracks & examining recruits which certainly is included in that of the former, I performed the duty for about a month - then my services here from Aug 8. the date of my Commission to the time I leave which will be another month, & whatever compensation you may allow me for travel - As I have not been mustered into the U. S. Service as Surgeon of the 2<sup>d</sup>. Reg I have to look to the State, and as I have been out of pocket over 100 doll. since I left home, some of which I have expended for the good of the Regt in getting some extras for the sick &c. I hope you will have it paid immediately over to my wife in Bangor -

In the mean time be assured of my friendship and great desire to assist you in your arduous duties  
Sincerely Yrs. &c. M. P. Allen