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Bucksport Tuesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Gen Hodgdon:

Sir:- A severe fevre accompanied with Pneumonia has left me in an unsuitable state of health to withstand exposure to the climate of the South, or to perform the duties that will be assigned to me in my Regt. (after my return from the "sick leave" granted by the Surg<sup>n</sup> of Seminary Hosp<sup>t</sup> Georgetown D.C.: therefore if there be any duty in this state for an officer, any fortification to take charge of &c under your jurisdiction, I solicit the favor of some information with respect to the same, with a view of soliciting to be detailed for some such duty rather than resign, or be transferred to a class of the Invalid Corps.

An answer within 7 days will find me at Bucksport Me. After that direct to Washington <sup>D.C.</sup>

Your Obed Serv<sup>t</sup> E. S. Wardwell  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Co. 9. 1<sup>st</sup> Maine  
 Regt. A. Artillery