

Augusta January 5th 1868.
To the Hon. Israel Washburn Jr.
Gov. of Maine
Dear Sir.

You will pardon me for my
intrusion, but feeling it my duty to make
known to you what I have done in this war
and in what circumstances it has left me
as commenced my labours in the State of Cal.
where I expended about three hundred dollars
in raising troops for this war which I have never
received any compensation. ^{for} I then came home and
commenced my labours for the 16th. I laboured uncessin-
-gly for the 16th day and night until it arrived
at Shapenburg Maryland.

On the 27th of May I mortgaged my property
to get means to recruit with. And I expended
it all with the expectation that I should get
a little provision that would furnish my family
with a creditable living in society. that they
once had. but disappointment has met me and
I am compelled to be driven from my home a homeless
wanderer with the sneers of the enemies of my
country that told me what I would get but

I never have ceased to hope that all
would be well. until within a few days
I am willing to put on my armor and hasten
to the field of carnage and blood and there upon
Altar of my country offer up my life as a
sacrifice. And allow me Sir. it will be a free
gift.

Hoping that you will pardon me for
this intrusion and your consideration of my
circumstances will receive you notice

I remaine your most

Humble Servt

Merrill Savage.

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