

Camp of the 16th Regt Maine Vol.
Near Bell Plain Landing Va
Jan'y 17th 1863

General

I would respectfully
ask you to assist the family of Martin
Butterfield of Mapleton plantation,
Aroostook County, a soldier now doing
duty in Co C. 16th Maine Regt in procuring
the state aid which they are entitled
to by law, his family being destitute
and needy, they not having the means
to support themselves, as he has received
no pay since leaving Augusta, and
said family having applied to the proper
officers for aid, and they refuse to grant
their request. I respectfully ask you to
to inform them what course to pursue
to receive the benefit of the act for
the relief of soldiers families, if you will
give them the required information you
will bestow a great favor on a good

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Soldier and a needy family

To the Hon of L Hodgden

Adjt Gen of the State of Maine

Very Respect, Your Obedt Servt
Saml Hovey Austin