Belfast Me. 10th Aug. 1862

Israel Washburn Jr.
Governor of Maine.

Dear Sir,

My object in writing you is to learn if a surgeon has been appointed for the 20th Regiment, and if appointed, where his residence is that I may write him in regard to obtaining a situation as Hospital Steward in the same. For thirteen months I have been a student with Dr. N.P. Monroe, of this place, and have
attended one course of medical lectures. For several months I have been anxious to go as steward or assistant into some hospital or regiment. You may remember last winter of giving me a recommendation as M.D. Cadet which with others was sent on to Washington. But the number was full. My letters arrived too late and I lost the chance I am aching to be with our soldiers in some capacity and if none other offers shall go as private. I have waited some time.
hopping that my preceptor might go as surgeon and I go with him. Circumstances have been such that he could not but thinks after settling up his brothers estate that he may volunteer his services for a few months should opportunity offer. If convenient I should be pleased to hear from you by the earliest mail.

With respect I remain
Your Excellency's
Obedient servant.

Lewis W. Pendleton.
Belfast, Mo.
Aug 10, 1862

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Wishes to be Los. Steward 20th. Feb. 62

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