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1863-01-26 Hospital Steward William W. Eaton requests position as Assistant Surgeon though he has not received his diploma

William W. Eaton

Assist Surgeon
of 16th M^o

Belle Plains Va. Jan. 26th /63
Gen. Hodsdon.

Dear Sir.

As much as I have to thank you for in the past, yet the time has again come when a few words from you will aid me greatly, both now and in the future.

When, last May, I desired the position of Hospital Steward. I could not aspire to an Assit Surgeon's berth, although Prof. Childs wished me to, then, but since that time the practical knowledge of medicine and surgery, I have obtained, has more than balanced another course of Lectures.

Now the resignation of Dr. Hunter leaves vacant a place which the Surgeons and Reg't Officers alike desire that I shall fill. Only one objection stands in the way, viz. I have not yet received my Diploma; but this has been overlooked

in other States; why should it not
in ours? especially when Dr. Perley,
(Medical Inspector of the Army) says
that this is no objection; and moreover
I should receive it were I at home
this winter.

Gen. can I rely upon your kindness to
assist me in this matter? A word
from you to Gov. Coburn, would carry
with it much weight, and would be
to me a favor not soon to be forgotten.

Enclosed, is the letter of Prof. Childs,
which was written nearly a year ago while
I was still without Practical knowledge of

Excuse me for trespassing on your
time and patience, and believe me,

Most Respectfully

Yours

Wm. W. Eaton

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To

Adjutant Gen. John L. Hodsdon

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