

Newport April 8. 1862

Dear Governor

I am compelled to decline your offer of appointing me Surgeon in the 4th Regt. by reason of a derangement of my domestic affairs, which will require my undivided attention at home for three months at least.

I trust you will find the recommendation of the Med. Board, satisfactory, as relates to the qualifications of my son for an Asst. Surgeon. And if you give him an app't. that you will give him as much time to make preparation as is consistent.

Yours Obedt. Servt.

John Benson

How, S. Washburn
Orono,

Newport
Apr 7, 1862.

Benson J.

Declines Commission