

U. S. General Hospital, West Buildings
Baltimore, Maryland Feb 2^d.
1863.

Hon. Abner Coburn;

Dear Sir;

I am a mem-
ber of Co. B. of the 16th Maine Vols
and tho' not so unfortunate as
some, whom the rough service through
which they were necessarily forced
to pass, have laid beneath the
soil, yet I've been broken down
by disease and perhaps ruined
for life. I am about to be dis-
charged from the service & the
Physicians of this Hospital
tell me I must obtain a lion
from you specifying that I
can bear my State bounty be-
fore my papers can be made

out. It would seem rather
hard after I had given myself
to my County, and through the
mismanagement of some-
body, I'll not judge who, we
were forced to be exposed in
a manner to ruin the health
and constitution of a large
part of the Regt & then that
I should be cast out and
my State County taken from
me. But I love my Country
and if I have to suffer even
more I wish justice to be
done.

Please answer this by re-
turn mail as it helps me
know whether I'm entitled
to keep my State County
or not. As I'm yet to be
discharged I wish to get

from as soon as possible
when I can have better care
& if possible regain in a measure
my health.

So an immediate reply
will greatly oblige your most
obedient Servant

W. D. Ewer
Hon. Abner Coburn.

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West's Buildings Genl Hospital
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