

"Camp James" Hall's Hill Va.
2nd Maine Regt. Oct. 19. 1861.

My Dear Governor

Our Regiment left Fort Cas-
sara a week ago today, Saturday, and is now located
where Hall's House stood, burned by the Rebels about
three weeks since, Col. Wilson's Regt. is encamped
in an immediate vicinity - Doct. Allen is now
here, and has, as I have just learned from Col.
Roberts, sent in his resignation. I think just
you two or three weeks since, that I was un-
willing to remain in my present position, or willing
to leave it if some one could be found who would
do the duties better. Col. R. professes to be perfect-
ly satisfied with the manner in which I have
performed my duties, and even told Mr. Wheeler
of "Bangs Whig" a few days since, that I was
the best Surgeon he had had. I would like to know
as soon as convenient if there is any intention on
your part of having any other one appointed

in my place, and if not whether there is a necessity
for another commission, as the one I have was
"during the absence of Doct. Allen"

I received a letter from Doct. Gancelin a few
days since in which he said, he would furnish
any articles necessary for our Hospital. We are
quite well supplied, ^{now} though shall need a few
blankets as cold weather approaches, unless
our sick list should be lessened. I shall
write him very soon. I had a letter from the
Battles recently full of the War spirit.

Col. B. wishes me to say that ten new
tents (Ellis I think) are very much needed
for use of the officers, and I am adding my testi-
mony to this, for though I have perhaps quite
as good a tent as the average, it has become
so much worn and dilapidated, that in
a storm two or three weeks since, the pole
burst through the top and it came "tum-
bling down" greatly to my discomfort, and
to the injury of books, papers, instruments
&c. only a few nights since I was oblig-

to set up three hours to prevent a repetition.
The "Knapsacks", about which you wrote me
some weeks since, have not yet been re-
ceived, but are much needed. I hope some
plan may be devised to send some recruits
soon to our Regt. - This would seem to be but a
simple act of justice to both officers and soldiers.
Our Regt. was removed from Fort Leavenworth
because it is a part of the Brigade General,
and is obliged to put as many men on
guard, and picket duty, as the larger Reg-
iments in the vicinity - Of course I don't men-
tion this by way of complaint, but tell you free-
ly what we need as you requested it. There is
now heavy marching towards Alexandria
and I think we are liable at any time to
have a severe battle, even if it has not al-
ready commenced. If so you will hear of it be-
fore this reaches you - Col. B. W. M. D. A. intends
to try to get a place in some Hospital or get an ap-
pointment as Brig. Surgeon in Gen. Fremont's Brigade.
I think Dr. Humber would like an appointment as

Surgeon in some Regt and I think Col. R. would not
object to that and I am sure I should ^{not} in case I should
remain and I am inclined to think the Doct. might
do well in that position with a good assistant.

I hope I may hear from you very soon.

Very truly yours

Obt servant

J. B. Moussan

Hon. J. Washburn ³
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Watts Hill, Va.
Oct. 19, 1861.

Morrison J. B.

Relative to condition and
wants of 2nd Regt