

Camp Howard Virginia Decr 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

To His Excellency Governor Washburn  
Sir I take leave to address a few lines  
to you being a member of the  
Third Maine Regiment and a man  
with a family to care for and  
when I enlisted as a Soldier  
and left my family and came  
out here it was with the  
conditions that my family should  
be provided for as well as would  
I provide for them were I at home  
and with those inducements I came  
here as a Soldier and have complied  
with all of the requirements made of  
me and am ready still so to do  
and if need be lay down my life I  
have tried every means to have  
them provided for and as the  
conditions specified the Select  
men of the town refuse to do  
anything saying that they are under  
no obligations to I have consulted  
Colonel Wilds with the same result

I also wrote to W. M. E. Pearson to  
see if something could not be done  
in regard to it he wrote me back  
that no source remains but  
the Charity of Neighbors and fri-  
ends where they reside and thus  
far they have been provided  
for and Sir under those conditions  
I feel as though I had not been justly  
dealt with as every other case  
of the kind at the same campa-  
ign have their regnals pay all living  
in Skowhegan I have a Wife and  
one child who reside in the town  
of Solon and all I ask is for  
the State to fulfill their part of  
the contract as faithfully as I do  
my duty, and will you direct me an  
answer so I may know in re-  
gard to and I remain your

Oblt Slocum

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Dec. 8.

Relief of Family

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