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Old Town Feb 22 1864

Hon & Comd
Governor of Maine
Sir

I learn that B. E. Paine Surgeon of 1st Me Heavy Artillery has resigned. I dont know whether the rules of the service requiring the recommendation of the Colonel applies to the Medical Dpt. I would respectfully solicit the appointment of Jerome B. Elkins now asst Surgeon of that Regt to fill the vacancy. Dr E was formerly a resident of this town son of David Elkins - had been in practice about 8 years previous to entering the U S service in July 1862. Being much interested in him I have made it a point to inquire of all I meet

from that kept in regard to his
success & how the men like him
and have invariably heard him
spoken of in the highest terms as
a man and as a surgeon

With much respect

Your obt

John A. Blanchard