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Hon. Genl Washburn  
Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to address you, soliciting your influence and assistance in getting the discharge of my son Alvin B. Murphy, who enlisted in Co B. 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment M. V. M. who also is a minor and enlisted without my consent and much against my wish, he is now sick and in the hospital.

We very much desire his discharge and shall try such measures as may be effective. and thinking this the most direct way (through you) and hope you will assist me by sending for his discharge, as I claim I have a <sup>right</sup> to demand he being a minor, please answer this and oblige yours truly

(Address) Thomas Murphy  
Alfred Mc

Lyman. Mr.  
Sept. 16. 1861

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Solicits discharge of his son

Thos. Murphy  
Recd.  
Sept. 16