

H^d Quarters 3^d Brig July 11th 1862

Sir

Lieut Advertiser Ames a native of Our State & an Officer in
 the Regular Army, now in Command of a light Battery, is
 desirous of leading a Regiment of Infantry from
 his native State. Lieut Ames has already won for
 himself an honorable position in the Service by his gallan-
 try in this War. As he is a brave & an accomplished
 Officer I am desirous of securing his service
 in the Volunteer Corps from Our State. He informs
 me he will resign his commission in the Regu-
 lar Army if necessary to enable him to assume
 the Command of a Volunteer Regiment. Should one
 be tendered him by Yourself - Lieut Ames will
 address You by Mail on this subject at my sug-
 gestion -

I have no news to communicate. I have thought
 ever this to have been in Richmond & to have addressed
 You from there. Much I might say about the man-
 agement of matters here - but for reasons it is not
 my business to do so. I can only say I have
 done my best & the Corps to which I belong has never
 yet yielded an inch of ground to the foe.

in any better looks in the country always better
him - The rank & file of this army is ~~as~~
as good material as any the world ever saw -
The Green Shirts have been allowed to
pass - so that with Foreign Intervention staring us
in the face - all seems well high look - God
only knows the future - Matters now look as though
we shall have more large numbers of men
in High Heaven & their stout arms trust the
destinies of our beloved Country -

I should be much pleased
to receive a letter from you occasionally
Respectfully Yours O. B. S. S.

N. G. Berry
B. M.

Hon. J. Washburn
Governor of Maine
Augusta. Me