

Head Quarters Porters Division

Halls Hill Va Dec 19 1861

To His Excellency
Israel Washburn
Gov of Maine
Sir

I understand that a vacancy exists in the Medical Staff of the 7th Maine Regt by the resignation of the Surgeon Dr Barker & that the present Assistant Surgeon of the 2^d Regiment Dr A. C. Hamlin, now of this Division, is an applicant for the position.

I most cheerfully bear my testimony to the capacity of Dr Hamlin & believe that he would perform the duties of Surgeon to a Regiment, in a manner conducive to the best interests of the Soldiers & creditable to the State from which he comes - His experience in camp life & acquaintance with the peculiar duties devolving upon a regimental Surgeon would be of advantage to the service in the new position which he seeks -

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours Obedt Servt

Geo H Lyman
Acting Med. Director of the Division