

Portland, Oct. 1. 1861.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of yesterday was duly recd.
You inquire whether the instructions given me
as Col. of the 5th Reg. of Mass. Genl. Hoar,
do me times & proper. It gives me much
pleasure to inform you that, in my opinion,
they were most eminently proper, and such
as he would most naturally give under the
circumstances, and such as came to me
by the way of a private personal letter.

The course indicated in that letter which
was published was not followed for this
circumstances changed after the letter
was recd. I answer yours with great
pleasure for Genl. H. during the past
season has labored with great assiduity
and at all hours & during all hours.

He has been a most faithful and
laborious public servant, and to any
man in Maine should be recognized

for his services during our State confederation with the government, in upholding the Union, it is Genl. Th.

If I were to be a member of the coming Legislature, I should most certainly labor for him & his continuance in the present important ^{post} which he now holds.

Very Truly

Yours W. H.

Mark W. Dummer

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