

Augustus Drane  
February 24, 1862.

Majr.

I had the honor of addressing you on the 3<sup>d</sup> inst, requesting an early action by the Major General of the Department of New England upon the charges preferred against me by Col Goodard, Commanding the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg Maine Cavalry, and not having heard from my request, I again addressed you on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, but the letter was returned me.

I trust you will not charge me with undue importunity, if I again call your attention to a matter of so much importance to myself and the Regiment. Not having been able to vindicate myself before a Court Martial, I respectfully request that I may be released from arrest. I have facts of importance in my possession to communicate to the Department which can be done only in my official capacity. Col Goodard has tendered his resignation.

Majr Genl Estey  
Asst Asst General  
1<sup>st</sup> Div Dept of New England  
Boston, Mass

I am very respectfully  
Yours obedt Servt  
A M Patten 1<sup>st</sup> Reg  
1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry

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of Cavalry  
Adj't Patten

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