

Bangor, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1861

To His Excellency Isiah Washburn Jr.  
Gov. State of Maine

Sir:-

The recent act of disbanding company I, and Maine Regt., without giving the Irish people of this city, whom they represented, an opportunity to fill up, or organize it in a satisfactory manner, has caused much dissatisfaction among them, as well as among the members of the company themselves.

Now that a new company is organizing, and is immediately to start for the Regt. to take the place of company I, we the friends of said company in this city implore of you that an honorable discharge be granted to the members of company I, thereby relieving them of the stigma of a dishonorable disbandment, and giving them a chance to enlist where they please, should they choose to do so.

To distribute them into other companies, thus reducing those now holding non-commissions to the place of privates, as will undoubtedly be the case should they be distributed, or to place them in a subordinate position to those who now choose at this late day, when the government has really more men than is needed, or at least more than it called for, to enlist when all other pecuniary speculations have failed them, we consider is not treating those brave men as they deserve. They certainly deserve

better treatment. They were among the first of this city to take up arms at their country's call in its defense, and have braved the trials of the campaign as well as any company in the Regt. There are also a few now in that company who sacrificed good and respectable situations at the first call for volunteers to serve their country, and in our estimation are fully qualified for better positions, and by far more so than those who are to supersede them. They may not have influential friends here, or elsewhere to plead their case, but we, their friends in Bangor, hope that this humble supplication in their behalf will not be overlooked.

Believing that Your Excellency have full power in this matter, we hope, therefore, that you will grant us this human request, and that if not fully complied with at least some remuneration will be given to those in the company who are legally entitled to it.

I remain in behalf of the friends of co. I in this city

Yours very Respectfully

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States that disbanding the Irish Co. caused dissatisfaction and asks that they may have honorable discharges

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