

Camp Lyon, Fairfax Co, Va Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1861

Hon Israel Washburn Jr  
Governor of Maine

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, is rec<sup>d</sup> - I last week, by strong effort obtained from the Med Director of the Army of the Potomac twenty hospital bed cots, good ones; those sent to the 3<sup>d</sup> Maine some time since from Bath were too narrow and short, I understand by Dr Baxter, who is in Camp to day that there are some cots, in depot at Washington for this regt - sent from Maine I shall look them up to morrow; if there are more than we want with those already on hand, I will leave the balance in care of Dr Robie, to be disposed of as you may direct

In relation to being transferred to the 3<sup>d</sup> - I like my present location but do not like the position I had as Lieut Surge of the 5<sup>th</sup> as the 3<sup>d</sup>

- But the position here at present is not pleasant, from the uncertainty connected with it. Dr Buxton's parole, he shows it to me to-day, is indefinite, I mean his leave of absence - his parole of course holds him 'till the end of the war, or until an exchange is effected - and he tells me, he expects to return to his regt. soon, that an exchange will be made - if such should be the case I am left as Aft Surg<sup>n</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup>

Again Dr Buxton gets Surgeon's pay, and is the only Surgeon recognized by the pay department - I can't get a dollar from Government, and must look to Maine.

Now a vacancy exists in my old regt, all the Officers and men, express their preference for me; I would also like the position, only, that it becomes I exchange an uncertainty for a certainty - and if you think it would be for the best, not only for the regt but for myself I would like the appointment - if not - I am yours to command and serve anywhere -

Your Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup> Geo E. Bucketo