

Maine Fifth Reg. Camp Lyon
Alexandria Virginia Oct. 13th 1861

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr.

Dear Sir

I seat myself at this time in order to ask a favor of you. I may be absent from your mind, under the present circumstances of our country's peril: But after considering a short time, you will undoubtedly remember me, as I had the pleasure of being a member of the State Convention (last year) at which you was nominated. I also spoke in different parts of the country, of York and Cumberland: at which places I often saw you.

When this war commenced, and call for soldiers: from our State, was made: I felt it was my duty to go forward in defence of the Union and the glorious flag the Stars and Stripes: Prompted by this sense of my duty I enlisted in co. Co. in the town of Limerick, Me. Co. was commanded by Capt. Wm. Matthews Esq. I acted as Sergeant in his Co. until it was disbanded. I then went to Portland, with about twenty free good men: and enlisted in a Co. commanded by Capt. Heald, from Gorham Me. I had acted as Corporal and Sergeant in this Co. till though I did not enter it until after its organization. I have served —

- faithfully up to the present time, I now feel -
 confident that I am capable of a better
 office than what I now hold; and as you
 are continually sending out Recruits from all &c..
 I thought I would write you this letter, hoping
 you will give me an office in some of your
 Regts. We have some very good officers in this
 Regt. Our Adjt., and many of the others, are
 liked much; by all, I should like to become an
 Adjt. in some of the Regts. from Mr. an officer whom
 I think I could do justice to. - - -
 For reference; I will refer you to the above named
 Captains: Also to Hon. John B. Goodwin or Captain
 Millett now commanding this to. A. T. M. M.
 In granting my wishes, you would confer a great
 favor on your most

Obedient Servant
 John B. Hyatt

Alexandria Va

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W. de. Johnson.

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