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Gen. Hoodson,

One year ago I came to Augusta, seeking the position of "Steward" in this regiment; thanks to your kindness and influence it was obtained, and with willing heart I entered upon its duties: never for a moment has that step been regretted nor I ceased to remember the kind friend, who then gave me a helping hand; and when months later the post of Asst. Surg. became vacant, and I desired what I would not have before aspired to.

I cannot forget that I still found you the same true friend, ready to render the needed aid.

Next to my Heavenly Father, I feel, that my gratitude and thanks are due to you, and I trust I may never prove unworthy of the confidence you have placed in me. Be assured, the memory

of your efforts in my behalf will not be soon forgotten or lightly cherished.

The health of the regiment is now good, only 15 percent unfit for duty.

We see no prospect of a move at present. Our Corps (The 1st) has complete confidence in Gen. Hooker. His failure has not injured him with us, and where he leads we shall follow willingly.

At the risk of trespassing too much on your time and patience I wish to call your attention to a case with which you are already somewhat acquainted.

Asreal F. Lovell, Co. C. 16th Me. Vols. enlisted June 20. from Fremont Plantation, Groosbeek Co. and has always been a good, faithful soldier. He has a wife and four children to whom he has sent what money he could save from his pay. but they have had no help from the town or state, and he tells me that they are now really in need and must suffer unless they are aided in some way.

The Authorities of the Plantation

seem to believe that they will have to furnish all money paid to the families of volunteers, and not; that it is a State affair.

Will you please to set them right in the matter: - and enable the soldier to obtain what is justly his due,

With kind wishes for yourself and family, I remain,

Gratefully yours
W. W. Eaton

Ajst. Surg. 16th Me.