

Hon^{ble} Israel Washburn Jr Governor
of Maine

Dear Sir I take the liberty to trouble
you with this communication for the reason
that I know of no other course to take The subject
is this under the call from the war department
of July I had a son enlist in the United
States service for three years I was called upon
to fit him out the which I did by going into
debt it cost me about five dollars he enlisted
as a fifer he was taken to Waterville kept
there two weeks from thence to Portland
and there put under drill kept there until
about the time that the regiment was ordered
to leave the State then was told by the Major
that they had made different arrangements in
respect to music did not want fifers and
he being small of stature was discharged
but said he you are entitled to your bounty
he was paid nothing neither did he get any
clothing was gone from home just about one
month during which time had he have been
at home his services would have been worth to
me at least twenty dollars when he came
home he had worn out his clothes and was just
about destitute.

others I am informed that were detained
any length of time and were rejected by the surgeons
were paid for their time he was not rejected but
was mustered into the service of the State and enlisted
performed the duty of a soldier between two and three
weeks then discharged now in view of these circumstan-
ces it looks to me as though he or I ought to be entitled
to remuneration he being a minor of course it would
fall to me And if I am entitled to anything I want
it for in one sense I am almost ^{destitute} of the means of
support and out of health have not been able to
perform any labor to amount to anything for about
eighteen months have no property of any amount
and am almost suffering for the necessaries
of life And you Sir as Governor of the State I confidently
believe will as far as within your jurisdiction use
your influence to have this thing made right And
I have that confidence in you to believe that you
will do it All I ask is to be used as others have
been And that I consider my right Were my cir-
cumstances ^{easy} it would make some difference in
feeling but as circumstances are it becomes abso-
lutely necessary for me to have all that is my
due you may think so small an amount is
of but little consequence but it would be quite an
amount to me eighteen dollars the sum to which
I consider myself entitled would be a great help to me

in my present depressed circumstances it would
greatly relieve my wants and place means in my
hands to procure the necessaries of life and pay the
debt contracted to fit out my son to go to Portland
Now Sir if an apology is needed I here make it for
troubling you with this But supposing that you could
be approached by humble individuals like myself I have
written you

I am Sir with great
respect your most humble
servant
Daniel Coffin

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Shonolike Sep^r 6th 1862

I. I. If it should be necessary for you to ascertain
with regard to his being enrolled he was a member
of Company Twentieth Regiment Captain Bangs
of Waterville answered to the name of J. W. Coffin
If it is not within your province to assist me please put
me on the right track

Thorndike
Sept 14, 1862.

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Concerning his Son.

Cause of son

Sept 11

Thorndike.

S. Coffin