

Lovell General Hospital U.S.A.
Portsmouth Grove R.I. July 28th 1863.

Hon^{re} — Colburn. Gov^r of Maine
Executive Office Augusta Maine.

Hon^{re} Sir

I have been in the service U.S. Government
a little more than a year; and in this time I have
never failed to obey orders, or to fulfill ^{my} obligations
to the Government, untill Disease laid me prostrate.
I have partially recovered my health; and shall
soon resume my place in the Ranks.

But before doing so; I wish for a Furlough, for
a few days so that I might visit my Family in
Winterport Maine, for the purpose of providing
them a convenient house, and other provisions
for their support.

I therefore humbly ask if you cannot get me a
Furlough for twenty days, if no more. and
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Your Obedient servant
sergt^t. Joel S. Stevens.

Co^r. H. 16th Regt Maine ^{Vol^{ts}}

P.S. I was formerly a Methodist Circuit preacher, and if
you wish to know any thing about my Character, you
can do by enquiring of the Members of the
East Maine Conference M.E. Church.

J. S. S.

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Stevens, J. S.

Wants Furlough.

Wm. J. Burroughs.

Recd of J. O'Brien
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