

Office of Overseers of Poor and Almshouse,

MYRTLE STREET.

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Portland, Oct. 10th 1862.

Sir:

A Soldier belonging to the 20th Reg. N.Y. M. by the name of Charles Willson, is sick at the "Commercial House" in this City, and he has been there since the 8th day of Sept. last. He is from Presque Isle and as we are informed, is a native of that place.

On the 8th day of the present month Mr. Davis the proprietor of the Hotel reported his case to our Board & represented that he had received nothing for his board & that the young man had nothing to pay with - that he had done

all in his power to make the man comfortable since he had been there, but that he did not feel able to continue such assistance as he would need any longer with some remuneration, & he therefore took the course prescribed by law to recover from the City any expense he might incur in providing for his future support, if after notifying us we should let him remain at his House.

We as overseers of the Poor can only provide ~~for~~ him at our Alms House, if he is in a condition to be moved; if not then we must provide for him where he is, charging the expense therefor to the Town of Presque Isle.

If we do this, in either case

it makes a Pauper of the
Soldier.

^{My} We do not believe it to be
the intention of the State
or United States Government
in any case to make a
Pauper of one who has volun-
teered or enlisted to sustain the
Government and to put down
this unholy rebellion, and for
this reason our Board have
deferred action in this case
hoping that you may give
some direction to the case, which
may relieve us from our em-
barrassment and prevent a patriotic
citizen and a noble Soldier from
becoming a Pauper. Unless im-
mediate action is taken by
others we shall be obliged to
provide for his support.

I remain ^{for behalf of the Board} very respectfully
Yours,
Hon. J. Washburne. Lewis B. Smith
Ye. Ye. Ye. Chairman.

Lewis B. Smith,
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Feb. 10.