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Thomastown
Sep 6th

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Thomastown, Sept 1st 1862

Dear Isaac Washburn:

My dear Sir, there is quite a dissatisfied man in Belfast because that young Capt. Bird of Co. B 4th Maine Regt. was wounded at Bull Run does not return to his Regt. They say his conduct is not good prowling about night & keeping bad company. The first men in Belfast think he ought to resign on return to his duty. I saw him, & his health appears good as any man, some of the most prominent men of that town warrant me to write you about him.

With great respect, your obedient

R. S. Rich
Concerning Bet Bird, 4th 10 Sept.