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Governor Washburne,

Dear Sir.

Having a short furlough, which terminates on Monday next, I designed to visit Augusta, & to express to you in person my thanks for your judgment & prompt interposition in behalf of the Fifth Regiment. I fear that I shall be deprived of this pleasure - & therefore address you as I do.

The improvement in the Regt is wonderful - Col. Jackson is all that we could wish him to be as a disciplinarian - & in providing for

for the exigencies of the war -  
in the way of clothing & of boots.

The other Field officers are also capable  
& efficient -

The Regt has received marked at-  
tention in the late reviews - & I think  
that the economies balanced upon it,  
are as merited as they are well  
timed -

I recollect your word of encourage-  
ment, in one of your letters to me -  
& I do not know but the time has  
come "to cheer the Fifth to the echo."

We want more men - & I think that  
Col. Heath will succeed in his efforts -  
I am trying to pull some strings  
in this neighborhood, though I have  
no recruiting papers. Last Sabbath,  
after public service, I requested the

audience to remain - & in bearing  
greetings from Co. A - originally  
formed from young men, in this  
Place; I took the liberty to command  
the Fifth

Thanking you anew for your in-  
terest in the Regt I am,

Very respectfully,

Yours &c

John R. Adams,

Chaplain of Maine 5<sup>th</sup>

P.S. I thank you for a copy  
of your excellent Proclamation,  
which you were so kind as to  
forward to me.