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Most Honored Sir,

I beg of you to pardon me for thus intruding myself before you. I have a son, who has served in the U.S. Maine, as Band Leader, and who enlisted as a private, and was therupon promoted to the rank of Orderly Sergeant, and who at the earnest solicitation of the then Col. H.G. Berry, accepted the leadership of the Band, thus depriving himself of all opportunities for promotion. Now I had most earnestly counselled him, not to have anything to do with a Regimental Band, because seeing his manifest talent for the military art, and also being myself an old soldier of the British service, I, a native of Italy, well knew that by going into the Band, he would forgo all the opportunity for promotion, the position of Orderly Sergeant being the very best in that direction. Now most Honored Sir. This is my humble and most earnest suit, my son being technically held to return to the ranks as a private soldier, the band having being discharged, thinks that his case is a hard one. Will you therefore Most Honored Sir cause his promotion either in some of the new or old Regiments, and by so doing confer a lasting obligation on us both. I would if time had permitted me, have procured some recommendation from my fellow citizens, but in place of it, I will enclose the recommendation which I procured, when I placed my youngest son in the U.S. Navy, upon whom I could depend at any time. Thus Most Honored Sir, I trust that the Good Lord, whose Divine Providence is in the most minute affairs of men and nations, may put it into your heart to regard my suit with favor. And may that same kind Providence be abundantly rewarded you, both in this and in the world of spirits. I am Most Honored Sir, with the highest consideration Ever your very humble servant, Francis X. [Signature]
Simpson, Esq., M.D.

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The 26th of December

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