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Head Quarters 5th Me Regt  
Camp Franklin Jan 30 1861

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the  
31st ult came safely to hand this  
afternoon - I should be most  
happy to comply with your wishes  
in regard to private Dresser of  
F. Co 5th Me Regt, but I am  
afraid his case is beyond my ju-  
risdiction - It is as follows -  
viz - David D Dresser deserted from  
his Regiment on or about the 23d  
of July 1861 - He was not in the  
Battle of Bull Run - His officers  
say he was not within five miles  
of the action - They also say that  
he is a worthless fellow & cowardly,  
They think he has misrepresented his  
case to you - Will you have the

Kindness to make further in-  
quiry into the matter & write me  
the result — Desser has been  
reported as a Deserter in the books  
of The Co since the first of August  
last —

The 5th Maine Regt is im-  
proving in Discipline very fast —  
We have just received the Spring-  
field Rifle Muskets of the latest  
pattern — also new Infantry Coats,  
the men are in good spirits —  
we are looking for sharp work  
pretty soon —

Respectfully Your Obedt Servant  
N. J. Jackson  
Capt Com Regt

Hen. Israel Washburn  
Governor of Maine  
Augusta