

Alexander Nov 7 1862

Gen J. S. Hodgeson

Dear Sir

I have a Brother in
the 4th Maine Regt. By
Name Alpha Baker
he has been sick
now for a long time
I think since February
last past he has
been sent to Portsmouth
New & back to the
Regt. now near Alexandria
and is again in the
Hospital & I think
it will be consistent
with the interest of the
State to have him
discharged as I learn

he is not ~~now~~ now
~~is~~ very likely ever again
to be able to go in service,
again. I have not I
hope in asking you to
use your influence in
procuring his discharge
after you have learned
from his superiors his
condition; Exceeded any
Rank of the department
or done any thing improper
on my part.

I have written you
at his Request & I think
should you correspond
with the Capt. of Co A.
fourth Maine you will
do all you can for him
Yours With Respect

Baker
St. Albans, Nov. 1, 1862