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Head Quarters 5th Me Regt
Camp Franklin Feb 2d 1862
Hon. J Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th ult
came safely to hand. I would have
been replied to sooner had I not
been sick & absent from camp -

In regard to Doessen
he deserted from this Regt in or
about the 24th of July last -
after the Battle of Bull Run -
His story of having been taken
prisoner by the Rebels is evidently
a humbug - none of those
persons whose names were on
the list of the sent & by whom he
says he can prove the facts of his
case, were in the Battle of
the 21st July - i.e. those be-
longing to the 5th Regt, and

The testimony of the two 2d Maine
Men cannot be worth much be-
cause the 2d Regt was ten miles
from the 5th at the time the 5th
Regt was in action - Private
Logan Edwards is a deserter
from the 5th the Regt

In regard to Twitchell
he must apply for his discharge
in the usual way to the proper
authority - stating his reasons for
making the application - I have
no power to discharge him,
I can approve his application
& that is all I can do

Resps

Your obt Servt

N. J. Jackson

Col 1st Regt

Hon Israel Washburn Jr

Governor of Maine

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