

To E. M. Stanton



State of Maine.

Executive Department,

Augusta, June 11. 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton,

Secy of War.

Sir,

In May. Genl Banks
official report of the march of the
troops under his command from Strasburg
Va. to Williamsport Md. on the 24th
& 25th days of May 1862, I find
no mention whatever of the five com-
panies of the 1st Maine Cavalry
under Lt Col. C. S. Douty. From this
report I would infer that no particu-

of the Maine Cavalry were with Genl. Banks or had any part in the fighting on either of those days.

The intelligence which I had received from several sources, supposed to be entirely reliable, left no doubt ⁱⁿ ~~upon~~ my mind that the Maine Cavalry, under Lt. Col. Dooty, were with Genl Banks on this march, & participated actively, displaying remarkable coolness & gallantry, in the engagement near Middletown, and at other times & places -

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr A. C. Spalding, who had been

requested in my name to visit
Methamspat to look after the
sick & wounded of the Maine
troops understood to have been
in this march or retreat, from
which it appears that Maj. J. P.
Cilley, a young officer of distinguish-
ed merit, was wounded, probably
mortally, near Middleboro & that the
top of the pine ^{what Mr. Shalbury calls} ~~the~~ ^{the}
retreat up the Shenandoah" was,
in killed, wounded & missing, 66 -

I find it difficult to reconcile
this statement of Mr. Shalbury, which
is in substance, confirmed by many witness-
es, with Gen. Bauley's official Report

to you, & I am not a little solicitous
~~to know learn in be informed in fact~~
to learn ^{if} whether you have any evidence
in your possession, upon the question, ~~whether~~
~~any part of the Maine Cavalry were~~
~~with Gen Banks on this occasion, &~~
~~if you have, whether~~ Where was
the Maine Cavalry ^{on this occasion}, & if with Gen.
Banks Command, ~~what was its~~
~~conduct mentioned or otherwise~~

~~the~~ in what manner did it
conduct itself - ^{I will thank you for such}
^{information on these points,}
^{as you may have, feel at liberty}
^{to furnish me.}

I have the honor to be
Yours ob. servt

Israel Washburn

Augusta, Me.
June 11. 1862.

Copy of Letter from S. Washburn,

To Hon. E. M. Stanton