

Washington June 13th 1862

Governor

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I arrived here last night, At Middleton I met Col Allen at Major Cilley, but we arrived there within a few minutes of each other, ⁺I found Major Cilley convalescent and in good spirits his escape from death is almost a miracle There are also in the Chart here six more of the Cavalry with frightful wounds but ~~struggle~~ to say recovering and in good spirits, Doctor Wiley and his assistant are with them and they all receive every possible care and attention I accompanied Col Allen to Front Royal and found his command in fine health and spirits there were but two ^{of the Cavalry} in hospital at Front Royal, I saw Major Wilson, Capt, Lapine & Meats and their ~~battalions~~ ^{battalions} at Front Royal in good health and spirits, At Fairfax Station near Alexandria there are thirty one, sick mostly from the seven companies under Col Allen

and then use nine of them here
I go to Richmond to day as I fear
that there is much more sickness and
suffering there if we can believe reports,
I go in company with a large delega-
tion of Maine Men Mess Pike ~~and~~ Price
Nobh Smith and several others, includ-
ing Mr Long, fellow from Calais, I shall
return home immediately on my return
and will then be able to give you full
particulars of every thing I have seen and
heard, [#] I saw Dr Left last night, he
visits the rounds of all the hospitals
and is indefatigable in his labours, I
believe him to be a valuable man, [#] I shall
never regret my coming here and hope
when I return to be able to give you much
information about the Elephant as I intend
to look him all over

To Hon Israel Washburn } Yours with much respect
Governor of Maine } John Goulden

P.S. I pray you if there is any opportunity
to do so, send a Surgeon to Col Doughty
as Haily is on parole and he very much
needs one - The Cavalry has always suffered
severely for want of medical aid

Howell &

Colby was a disgrace to any state their
behaviour is and has been shameful from
the beginning and if Col Allen would
represent them to the proper authorities as
he does to me they would not be allowed
to remain with ^{the} army a single day but
the Col in the kindness of his heart puts
up with every thing rather than expose
them - he says Colby did better for
a while but that now ~~he~~ is as bad
as ever - he wished me to write to
^{you} just how these things were I will tell ^{you}
just how every thing is when I see you
but I do not think it prudent to tell all
I know or see to others just now. There
is not the usual amount of Dross in
the 1st Maine Cavalry, but what

There is, is of the worst description
Respectfully

To Gov Washburn

John Gould

At Sudbourn