

Portland June 10th 1862

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Dear Sir I have been requested by Mrs Johnathan Scitfield of North Berwick to write you a few lines in regard to Mr Alden Gilchrist of Montville one of the 1st Me Cavalry Regt - It seems that about the 10th of May Co I - Capt Coan was paid off - and Gilchrist who had his discharge was entrusted by Mr Scitfield to carry to his family at N. Berwick \$50,00 - and by ~~and~~ by other members of the Co of the same place \$55,00 more - all to the amount of \$111,00 and he was also entrusted to take with him a trunk for Mr Scitfield - all of which he agreed to deliver on his way home - He has not yet made his appearance. and they think he has run away with it - As Mr Scitfield says he left immediately with it for home - As Mrs Scitfield is not in circumstances to bear the loss. She requests me to get your opinion of how she shall proceed in the matter - and she now awaits your answer with pleasure and hoping to hear from you at your earliest opportunity

Yours Truly
J. W. Plislet