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Lincoln July 9th / 62

Hon Israel Washburne

Dear Sir

With

in a few days I have felt a
strong desire to go into my
country's service as Chap-
lain of one of the new Regi-
ments about to be raised.

This position I have not be-
fore sought or even desired: but
now, for some unknown reason
I am impressed with a sense
of duty, to at least make the
application - I want to serve
my country in this war, and
do it if I can do it without

Relinquishing my profession.,

I do not know what regulations govern the appointment of Chaplains; but supposed your influence, if not your authority necessary to a security of the position —

I believe that but two Cong'l ministers have as yet gone into the service from this State. Mr Hewies, as you know, went from my place. I cannot suppose, however, that there will be any objection to taking another from the same town, provided he be a suitable candidate for the position. I will obtain any recommendations that may be necessary, but do not wish to spend my time in seeking the place unless it be actually necessary.

I have no taste for this
course of competition for
such a service.

If the authority is not
yours to give the appointment,
(as I supposed it might be in
the drafted Regiment) will you
take the trouble to give such
information as I shall need
in the matter

Very truly yours

Wm. L. Servant

A. B. Bates

Pastor of the Cong'l Chh

Sincerely
Yours

His Excellency
Hon. Gerrit Washburn

Lincoln, Me
July 9, 1862.

Bates, A. J.

Offers his services as Chaplain

July 9.

Dear Sir,

Rev. A. J. Bates.