

Monson, July 27th, 1862,

Hon. Israel Washburn,

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your offer to give me the place of Asst Surgeon in the Maine Cavalry. Not expecting an opportunity of the kind quite so soon, I cannot be ready at the time indicated, & therefore feel obliged to decline the favor. Perhaps it would not be unwise for me to say, that an extension of the time 1 week would answer my purpose. If it would answer yours, you should write me to this effect, with your leave the goodness to say who furnishes the Asst Surgeon with a Horse, & who pays his expenses to his Regiment - the Government or himself? —

While writing, I will say that I suppose Drs. Braubury & Allen recommended me to you as Surgeon. But since, as I requested, that I rather preferred to act, at present, in the capacity of Asst Surgeon, I wish them to say this, because of some hesitancy I

felt to take upon myself, at once, the greater
responsibilities of the first position, I
should hope however, that in case of my
appointment to the lower office, I might
if thought worthy and an opportunity pre-
sented itself, in a reasonable time, enjoy
the advantages of the higher, and now,
even, I should not refuse the offer of Surgeon
in one of the new Regiments - till my
preference would be to act at present,
as Asst Surgeon.

Yours Obedt Servt,
Sumner A. Patton,

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