

Rural, Waukegan County, Wis. June 2^d 1862

Hon. J. Washburn Jr.
Governor, of State of Maine
Augusta

I wrote you from Washington soon after I sent in my resignation, and have not heard from you since, thinking that you might not have received it, or if you had it had slipped your mind. I thought I would write you again. You are of course aware of the circumstances under which I went into the 5th Regt and of the trade that was made before I did go in to it. I do not think hard of you at all about the matter as I have never had the least thought but everything was all fare on your part. but that Col Heath told me in your presence I do not think he had any thought that it would be carried out. Col Jackson told me he never gave him any authority to make such a trade. and after the men were divided up it was too late to get them back, and and I did not like to here men that I had enlisted in good faith say to me that I had lied to them. I should like to be in one of the Maine Regiments as they are the best troops I have seen from my state. and being my native state. I think I have done recruiting enough to be entitled to a commission. and should you see fit to commission me again I should ever feel grateful to you for the favor, and will try and discharge my duty to the best of my ability they are raising more Regts in this state and do not know but what I could get a chance here, but should much prefer, to go in one of our state Regts.

an answer, from you, will greatly oblige
me, and I should not be very particular, which
regt I went into if I could have some kind of a
fore chance,

Yours Respectfully

George E. Fernald,

June 2, 1862,

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