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U. S. General Hospital July 27th 62

To your Excellency

Asrial Washburn Jr.

Sir you no doubt will be surprised in receiving this letter from me. The reason why I write to you is because I am very lame and am not used right here in this Hospital. I was wounded at the Battle of Hanover Court House the 27th day of May and was sent here the 3rd day of June. I was wounded in the left hip. My wound has healed up but cannot bear any weight on my leg yet. it swells very bad down to my foot so that I have to lay in my stocking feed the most of the time. The 20th of this month I went up to be examined by the

request of the
physician that attends me. They
looked at my leg, and said
that I was an impostor. I think
that is rather hard talk to
a soldier that volunteered to
fight for his country and to
be treated in this manner and
if you want any more proof
of it there are more men from
Maine here, that is hearing such
trash every day. I should like
to know whether I have got to stay
here or not. My Physician says
that he thinks that I shall not
be able to go to my Regt again.
I belong to the 2nd Maine Regt
I have no more to write this
time. Will you please to write
or take my case in hand?

I remain yours truly

Olijah Bridges
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Annapolis, Md.

July 22, 1862

Bridges Elijah

Complains of ill treatment
in Hospital

Elijah Bridges ^{2^d Maine}
Hospital at Annapolis

Treated badly.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, appearing to be a letter or a series of notes.]