

Abber Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

His Excellency Gen. Washburn  
Sir

I have been absent from town some days and on my return found a letter from you informing of I am a Paroled prisoner of war.

I was paroled June 1<sup>st</sup> by order of Gen (Stonewall) Jackson. The day previous to which he sent a proposition to Washington for the exchange of Surgeons of both armies held as prisoners of war and for establishing the rule that thereafter no Surgeons be captured or held as prisoners.

The President ordered the release of all Rebel Surgeons. which order was immediately executed - and latterly I see by the journals that the Rebels have ordered the unconditional release of all Federal Surgeons -

I was acting Surgeon, and  
in discharge of the duties of  
Surgeon, was captured and  
paroled as such. I now con-  
sider myself released from my  
parole and ready for duty.

I am Sir, very respectfully  
Yours humble servant  
H. N. Howard

Co. I, Washington  
Gen of Mass

Abbot,

Augt. 11. 1862.

Howard H. N.

Go. J. Washburn.

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Dr. Howard,

~~Dr. Abbot,~~