

Director, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H.
{ Case of "E. A. Chapman". }

Washington, D.C.
Dec. 16th 1864

Gov. Comp.
Res^d Sir

By an order from
the War Department the 32^d
Maine Reg. is annihilated
& consolidated. The super-
numerary Officers have been
mustered out of office. There-
fore I am mustered out.

The 16th Maine Reg. applied
for a transfer of ~~my~~ Chaplain
from the 32^d to the 16th Maine
but it was decided that the
Gov. of Me. alone had the pow-
er to reappoint a Chaplain.
I will forward to you a copy
of two letters & ask your appoint-
ment as Chaplain of the 16th Me
Regiment. (over)

Read Dets 16th Me Reg.

At a meeting
of the line officers of this Reg-
ment convened at H^Q Dets by
(^{order} command) of the Col. Comdg. &
the following choice was made
for Chaplain of this Regiment.

William A. Patten late
Chaplain of the 32nd Me. Vol.
I have the honor there-
fore to request that he be
transferred to this Reg.

Yours obt. Servant

Chas. W. Tilden

Col. 16th Me Reg. Vol.

I ask the commission to
extend from the 12th Dec. to the
end of the term of service
of the 16th Reg.

Yours Truly
W. A. Patten

(over)

Coppy of Brigadier Gen. Griffin.

{ "Read Dets 2nd Brig 2nd Div
9th Army Cor. before Petersburg
Dec 3rd 1864

To whom it may concern
Chaplain W. A. Patten
of the 32nd Me. Reg. has served
in my command during
the last seven months, &
I take the pleasure in recom-
mending him as a faith-
ful & valuable officer.

He is mustered out of
service solely on account
of the consolidation of his
Regiment

L. G. Griffin

Brig Gen. W. D. R.

Please direct the commission
or an answer to me "Kearny
Post mort. M. H. Case of E. A. Chap-
man. - Yours W. A. Patten

Mr Wm A. Patten of
Yor 15
for Chaplain 16. Dec 20. 64

Comm. issued Dec 22. 64

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