

Fort, Jefferson, Fortuga, Fla.
July 26th 1863.

To the Gov^r of the State of Maine

Dear Sir

I came out in
the 2nd Regt. Maine Vols. Col
G. Varnes, and about four
months before the expira-
-tion of the Regt's time I was
Court Martialed for a slight
breach of Military Discipline
and sentenced for the re-
-mainder of my term of
Enlistment. My Regt
was mustered out of the
U. S. Service on the 28th
of last May, and a cor-

ding to my sentence I should have been released on that day; but owing to the absence of my "Descriptive List," the Commanding Officer at this Post, refused to release me - until the arrival of my Papers particularly the one just mentioned I have written to the Capt. of my Company but have not as yet ^{received an answer} ~~it has not arrived~~ whether he has never received it or has neglected it when received.

I know not. Plenty of time has elapsed since I wrote to him for him to forward my Descriptive List but it is not forthcoming; and I now appeal to you as the Governor of the State in which I enlisted to do something for me, all that the Commander of the Post

here / Lieut. Col. Alexander 47th
P. Vol. / asks; is my Descriptive
List. or. a few lines from
some person in authority, and
then he will release me. A
few lines from Yourself
would be effective in setting
me free, and I would ask
you to do me the great favor
to send me at least a few lines
and enclose a note to Lieut Col.
Alexander to the effect that
my Regt has returned, and
that my term of enlistment
has expired. That would be
effectual, and render ^{me} indeed
and truly

Your humble servant

Thomas Belcher
Company G
2nd Maine
Vols.

Yba.

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Becher, J. & Ma Reyt

Wants his Discharge

Wants to come home

James Becher
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