

Camp of 20 Maine near
Falmouth Va May 21 1863

Gov Coburn Dear Sir

I know it was the intention of Major Gilmore to have written you yesterday morn in reference to the appointment of a Surgeon to this Regt. But the evening before we had an order to move camp about 3 miles and started at 7 o'clock in the morning. I fear he did not write. I therefore take the liberty to drop you a line on the Subject

I only wish to say that the entire Command of the Regt unite in desiring the apt of Mr John Benson of New Port. I heartily unite with the. So far as it has come to my knowledge the line Officers have not been consulted in the matter I do not claim to speak for them, but I do know the wishes of those I have above represented

Very truly yours

Luther D French

Chaplain of 20 Maine

Hon Abner Coburn
Augusta
Maine

Chaplain French

20th Regt.
May 21, 1863

Recd. Dr John Benson
as Surgeon 20th Regt.

will receive of the Hospital
\$200 10 cents of the Hospital

and will be credited with

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