

Concord May 23d, 1863

Governor Coburn

Dear Sir: please excuse
me for this piece of impudence of
writing to a gentleman to wh. I am stranger
but I will tell you my business
I have a brother that enlisted in
the army nine months ago in
the 20 regt & he was taken with the
Rheumatism as soon as he got to
Virginia he was sent to Fairfax
Seminary Hospital thence to Fort
Schuyler New York & is there now with
the Acute rheumatism & is worse
then he was when he came there
& is still going worse I had a letter

last night that he is worse & he never
would be any better as long as he
was there, there was a Dr there from
Maine & told him he must get
away from there very soon but he dont
say any thing to his head Surgeon so
I have thought that perhaps if I
should write to you, you might
take notice of it; do something to
help my dear brother get home
again; I was willing for him to enlist
& if he is sick & lame what is the
use of his stopping there; Oh!
do please do what you can want
you to help him for my sake
get home I will tell you his name
William H. ^{Pay} Ward 4 Section
B U S Army General Hospital Fort
Schuyler New York now I know it
will be some little trouble to you
but you will be rewarded for it
will you be so very kind to write
& tell me if you can do any

thing for Susan I can by the
papers you have been there
where he is Oh! I know not
how to write you what to say but
I do think you will try & get him
discharged will you not? & oblige me

Mrs

Philena J. Higgins

To his excellency

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