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Camp near Bakersville

Oct. 8th 1862

Dear Governor

My health has
not been good for a long
time, (I tho^t I could not have
such a statement reach my
wife). My duties have been
and still are quite onerous
and I feel that if we are
to go into another active
campaign I ought to have
more assistance. Can you not
send me a second assistant?
Most other Regiments, many of
them not nearly so large as
ours, have three surgeons.

The health of the Reg. is fair
about seventy-five of the sick report.

We suffered very little
in the late Battle as you are
probably aware, though under
fire eight hours, One man
wounded seriously, One slightly
My own horse was shot through
the leg, but has fully recovered
from the effects of the wound.

My Hospital Steward Chas A.
McQuestin from Bangor is very
desirous of being relieved from
further service, and claims his
discharge on the ground that
he is not an enlisted man. The
Officers hold him on the strength
of his having been mustered for
pay repeatedly. His Father has
recently died and it is desir-
able on many other accounts that
he be discharged. Will you
request the Adj. Gen. to look
into the matter?

Yours very respectfully
J. S. Calmes.