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S. A. Patten

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1862,
Frederick City Md, Nov 17th

Dear Governor,

I find that I am liable to have a little difficulty in getting my pay of the Government for my Services as Assistant Surgeon of the 1st Main. Cavalry; Capt Smith of our Regiment, who was at Washington the other day told me that the Quartermaster's Clerk told him that only one Capt Surgeon is recognize in the Cavalry. It seems that a Law was passed last July that Cavalry could have two Capt Surgeons - but that was rescinded by a war order. Would that war order make a nullity of those commissions that were granted in the interim? I talked with the Medical Purveyor & Medical Director of this place the other day & they both told me that the Cavalry were entitled to two Capt Surgeons,

It seems very strange to me that there
should be so much discrepancy of opinion
among Medical men upon this subject.

Will it be too much for me to ask
you to write me upon the subject
at your earliest convenience; &
pleas direct to Dr. S. A. Patten
Frederick City
Md.

Care of M. Lugenbeil,

(In haste.)

Have Israel Washburn,