

Cambridge November 17th 1862
To the Honorable J. Washburn ^{of} Governor of the
State of Maine

Dear Sir I hope to be pardoned for the
liberty I now take in soliciting your Excellency's
interest and influence in obtaining the discharge of
Robert Hatch ^{of} a private in Co. C. 1st Maine
Cavalry Banks division and since the first of June last
~~has~~ been in the various U.S. Hospitals confined from disease
contracted in the army and is at present in the U.S.
General Hospital West Philadelphia Pa. Ward. He being
blind of one eye and nearly so of the other and reduced by
general debility so that he will probably remain there
until released by Death unless through the influence of your
Excellency his discharge can be obtained and he permitted to
return where he can have the care of kind friends and
all the attention that the sick so much require that
cannot be expected in an Army Hospital then perhaps
a Soldier might be saved to his Country a Citizen
to his Town a Son restored to the bosom of his Parents
and a great obligation rendered to a large circle of
friends and especially to

Yours Obedient ^{Sr} J. B.
L. S. Hooper

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Appln. for discharge of Noah
Hatch Jr. from 1st Me Cavalry

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