

Holyoke Dec 9th 1862

Gov. Washburn

Sir. Necessity compells me, to address you
this Morning. when this fearfull rebellion, broke
out my Husband, was among the first. to
Enlist, to Battle for his Country, he Enlisted
in Maine, my native State. under Capt
Hamilton afterwards promoted to Maj
it was in Biddeford but why reharit it
to you again for my Husband has written
to you more than once you know how he
had leave of Absence for a few days when
he returned the day they were paying the
Riget that they told him his Company was
full that they wanted him to go into the
Brunswick Comp. to help fill it up so Capt
Goodwin told him he was not entitled to

the \$22 bounty which the State paid them
in his case - but they paid what Monthly
pay they owed him he got Monthly pay twice
in Portland so he entered the Brunswick Co.
then they told him that company had received
their bounty money but that he should get it
when they arrived in N. Y. when arrived
there it was put off until they got to ^{Washingt}
when there it was delayed until after the Battle
of Bulls Run then he was wounded and was in
want of Money he was sent to Headquarters
he was there told that his name was not
on the Muster roll in a list that they could not
pay him so he stayed with the Officers until
he got well of his wound then he came home
with them he wanted to go again but he did
not feel like going because the Government
owed him and he wrote to you to get his
just dues but you did not do anything for
him so he thought the Governor of Mass might
do justice by him so he come here and has

enlisted in the 8th Regt and gone to
New-bem V.C. I and my little Girl
are in want of Comfortable Clothing
this cold Weather and want some comforts
me to write to you for our just rights
if I cant have all that is due mine
which is not a great deal a little is better
than nothing to poor folks but those that
have a plenty dont know how to pity us
if you will Condescend to look into the case
and see what you can do for us and let
me know soon you will confer a great
favor to the needy I remain waiting yours

Mrs. Henry H. Rice

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