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**1862-12-24 Jeff Savage writes Governor Washburn about the
injustice of his dismissal from service**

Jeff Savage

East Madison Maine
December 24th 1862

Hon. S. Washburn Jr Gov. of Maine.

Dear Sir.

I see by the Bangor Courier that Daniel W Emery of Fairfield has been appointed 1st Lieut of Co "F" 3rd Regt in place of myself. dis-
missed the service. While I would here thank you for your kindness in waiting for investigation of my case at the War Dept. I am sorry to see a man appointed who was instrumental in my dismissal, a fact of which I was not aware however until yesterday. — The order of Dr Benz giving me leave to come home was sent to Staples. He called Emery and asked him what it meant. Emery said that he did not know. After a long interview, Staples wrote me declining to

recommen me. The letter was misssent
and went to Minnesota when it
remailed to this Office. It bore the date
of Nov. 8th & reached here yesterday. At
the same time I had a letter from
Capt. James H. Plaisted of Co "K" stating
that he heard Staples say that I was
a smart officer but had abused Burt
in refusing to sign a petition for the
Lieut. Colonelcy and that now he
would pay me off in my own coin
by assisting Burt in keeping me out
of the Regiment. Capt Plaisted was
then acting Adj't. He says that Staples
destroyed my papers and then wrote
a long letter to the War Dept and
went to Stone man personally and
got him to approve ~~it~~ forward
it. Had I known this I would
not have troubled you for it is
now out of your reach or mine. I
am a young man and fell my
disgrace very heavily. However I am

innocent of the charge and have
no pang of conscience but I could bear
it better if I could have a trial.
Though I know I am fit for duty
still no Surgeon will pass me as a
Private and I must now stand and
look on. If I could enlist I would
earn promotion again. Again I
would thank you for your attention
and subscribe myself

Most Respy Yours Obt Servt

Jeff Parag

P.S. Plaisted says Staples told him
one day that his chief reason for
not recommending me was that you
were in my favor and that he
was bound to head you off once

Jeff Savage.

Madison.

Dec. 24,

Wm. J. Woodburn.

Savage, J.

Dec 24, 1868.

Madison, Wt.