Newport June 26, 1863

Hon. Abram Coburn

Gov. I acknowledge the receipt of Commission of Surgeon of 20th Vols. which I accept, and will use all dispatch in getting ready to go to the seat.

I perceive that Dr. E. E. Porter of Waterville is appointed to the 8th and Dr. R. H. R. Baker of Standish ass. with me. Dr. Porter is here on a visit to stay, and is anxious of exchanging places with Baker and has written him so that effect.

Dr. Porter is a much esteemed friend of mine, and I should like to have him with me if the change can be made, accordingly. If the exchange is agreed upon I hope you will intimate this and confer another favor on me.

Very Respectfully Yours,

John Benson