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Newport June 26. 1863  
Hon. Abner Coburn

Gov. I acknowledge  
the receipt of Commission of Surgeon  
of 20<sup>th</sup> M. Vols. which I accept, and  
will use all despatch in getting  
ready to go to the Regt.

I perceive that Dr. P. C. Fortu  
of Waterville is app<sup>d</sup> ass<sup>t</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>  
and Dr. Baku of Standish ass<sup>t</sup>  
with me. Dr Fortu is here on  
a visit to day, and is desirous of  
exchanging places with Baku  
and has written him to that effect.

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

Very Respectfully  
Yours

John Benson