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**1862-12-25 General O.O. Howard requests appointment of Dr.  
H.L.K. Wiggin for Maine Surgeon General**

Oliver Otis Howard

W'd Dis 2<sup>nd</sup> Div<sup>n</sup> 2 Corps

Near Falmouth Va

Dec. 25 1862

Post his Excellency }  
Gov. Coburn }

Dear Sir

I am informed that there will be among your appointments that of Surgeon General of the State; and I wish to request the appointment of Dr. H. L. K. Wiggins of Auburn Me. at present the Surgeon of the 17<sup>th</sup> Me.

Dr. Wiggins qualifications are ample in every respect. The experience he has already had in the army added to his former superior business habits and high toned character make it, in my belief, an appointment most suitable

to be made.

His present position is rendered unpleasant by his having entered the service late and on that account being lower in rank than many Surgeons who are far inferior in character and qualifications.

With kindest wishes

Very Respectfully

V. V. Howard

Brig. Gen. Surg. Corps -

P.S. The Dr is subjected to many petty annoyances being placed under the medical directorship of those who annoy him & hinder his usefulness. I believe he could do more to benefit Union troops in the place to which I recommended him.

V. V. H.

O. O. Howard

Dec 25/82

Dr Wiggins }  
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Genl }

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Dec. 25. 1882

Baltimore Va