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**1863-01-03 Colonel Lakeman sends the battle flag to Governor
Coburn and requests a replacement**

Moses B. Lakeman

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Head Quarters 3rd Maine Vols.
Near Falmouth Va. Jan'y. 3rd 1862

Governor:

Please accept the old and battle worn flag of our regiment. On account of being no longer fit for service, it has been replaced by a new one. Thinking it justly deserved an honored place in our State cabinet I take the liberty of sending it to your address.

It has been in the Battles of Bull Run, Skirmish at Bailey's cross roads, siege of Yorktown. Battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Fair Oak swamp, White Oak swamp, Charles City Cross roads. Malvern Hill, 2nd Bull Run, Grovton, Chantilly Skirmish at Monocacy, and lastly at Fredericksburg. The regiment feeling a deep interest in the old Rag, and ardently desiring its preservation on account of its having been carried through the above named battles, ^{and} I must say with credit to the regiment and honor to the State. I therefore entrust it to your keeping, knowing Sir, that, in consideration of its old age, and deserved merit, you will give it its proper place.

To.

His Excellency

Abner W. Coburn.

Gov. of Maine.

I have the honor Sir to be

Very respectfully. Your Obedt. Servt.

M. J. Luskman.

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