

Bangor Me

Dec. 16th 1862

Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir

Your kind note of the 8th inst. asking what were my plans & expectations, was received last night. In reply I would say that having failed to make any arrangement with Col. Mason I had about concluded it was useless to attempt further efforts to secure a Commission. And yet I did not like to give it up altogether: - just because I had commenced and persevered so long at it and next because I had expended so much money - which would be lost unless I could get a Surtcy.

May I again venture to ask you to consider favorably my claims - of service in the field fitting me by experience for the position I seek & of money and efforts spent in obtaining men who are now in the U.S. service.

A Commission could be given me in any Regiment when there is a vacancy, without the

consent of the Commanding officer. Had it not
been done in this and other States before, I would
not now ask it in my own case.

Should you think
best to commission me I would take as many men
as I could possibly influence to go with me.

I might not be able to take all, as, not going into
the Corps they enlisted for, they may be entitled
to elect their regiment.

In conclusion, allow
me to state, that my expectations are that you
will grant my request; and my plans, if you
do not, for the men to go into any regiment
they choose, go back myself to my old duty of
recruiting for the 2^d Regiment till I am recalled
and then serve my country in the field to the
end of the war.

Thanking you for remem-
bering me I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

J. W. Chamberlain

To His Excellency

J. Washburn Jr.

Governor of Maine

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Bangor.

Dec 10, 1862

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