

U.S. Hospital

Portsmouth Grove R.I. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

Gen Woodson.

Dear Sir

I enlisted as Hospital Steward in the 15<sup>th</sup> Regt  
December last have acted in that capacity ever since,  
think I have served as apprentice long enough,  
would like to be transferred to some other Regiment  
and made Regimental Steward should it please your Honor  
can produce best of references. I have Pay due me  
since December last which would be quite acceptable  
hoping to hear from you soon I remain your

Obedt Servant.

W<sup>m</sup> E. Riggs  
Hospit Steward.