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**1863-06-20 John F. Libbey requests a furlough for a paroled
prisoner**

John F. Libbey

Chris W
has written report in
minutes to Camp of Parole

West. Waterville June 20th 1863

John L. Hodsdon Esqr.

Dear Sir,

I once more take the liberty of asking you a few questions in regard to a Paroled prisoner.

I know of a young man who was taken prisoner at the last great battle under Hooker was sent to Richmond Paroled and sent to our Parole camp where he remained some two or three weeks he asked the Col. commanding the camp if he could give him a furlough and he asked him how long he had been in the Army he said two years and had been in every battle his Regt was engaged in, and had not been off from duty more than one week since he entered the Army.

The Col said it was beyond his power to grant any furloughs but if he had been in service two years he ought to have a chance to come home and see his friends; and also to tell him that he ought to know enough by this time to take a furlough.

He took up with the Col. advice and is now at home; but he don't feel exactly right about the affair as he don't know but some one will think he is a deserter and arrest him; and he don't want it done as he is no deserter; but will go back as soon as he is exchanged; but as he has not seen his friends for sometime he would like to stay as long as he can before he returns and so he wanted me to write you and tell you all the particulars about the matter and see what you thought was best to do and see if you could

help him in anyway. He is the Son of a poor widdow who has but two sons and they are both in the Army.

I know that military laws are pretty strict; but I think this ought to be an exception; and furthermore I will pledge my honor that he will go back as soon as he is exchanged; and he is in communication with the paroled prisoners, ~~and~~ who are to inform him when he is exchanged and he will at once return to his Regiment. He was paroled on the 13th of May 1863 and belongs to the 3^d Maine Regt. I want you to write me all the particulars about this matter and whether he will have any of his wages taken from him and everything else concerning this thing.

Please do me the favor to answer this at once. Confidential

Yours Respectfully
John F. Libbey

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I would most respectfully refer
you to the following gentlemen for
my standing in society.

Josiah H. Drummond, Attorney Gen

Everett R. Drummond, Waterville

Hon D. L. Milliken

John F. Sibley
Waterville June 20, 1873