

and

Camp near Haysbarnack station N.Y. the 16th 17, 62

Wt General Hodson

Dear Sir

I am in trouble in regard to my family and I thought I would pen a few lines to you to see if you could not help me out of it and I think you can and I feel confident that you will when you hear the particulars about the last I enlisted in the Town of Rumford July the 29th 1862 for three years and with the expectation that my family would get state aid my wife belonged in the Town of Abington and ~~she~~ she had no relatives in Maine and ~~she~~ could not feel contented to stay down there after I have away so she went to his Father in Mass his folks are poor and she has to pay

his board and the little Girls we have one
child and his health is very poor and it
will take more than my wages to board them
and ^{and} cloth them decent and I am a poor man
with nothing of any amount I have in mine
property what there is would amount to \$700 or
\$750 dollars and that I have self lost \$8500
dollars down there and if I had that
amount now I would not ask a cent of
state aid but fear I am out there a
fighting for my country and it seems
hard to have my family suffer and I
cant get to them and I should rather die
there to have my family go over the Town
for I love a good woman and she does
all the work she is able to do Mrs Walker
the first select man of the Town of Rumford
has sent his one years pay and she has
righted to him for more and I dont
seem to send it he sees she being to make
make a difference but women go for
down the main and stay all of the time
and they have their money sent to them long

months I know of several cases and he has
already sent his last years pay and
I would not ask for any more if I could
get along with out it but they will have
to have help from the state or towns and
I would rather die than to leave to that
and I have told you just how it is
and will ^{you} please to see if you cant help
them some way I send all the money I
get to them and if you will please to see
about it and I think you will I shall feel
much better to know that my family
are comfortably provided for with what
I have send them I will now close trusting
that you will help them and Oblige

Yours respectfully

Edward Faunce

please let me know if you cant ~~that~~
help them Address your letter to
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