

Camp Bullock, Virginia

Wednesday Feb. 24th 1864.

Genl. J. L. Hodgeson, Sir:

I can hardly hope that you will notice this letter, but, I remember the example of Esther and will "Go in before the king" and if I do not succeed no one will be injured. My Hon. friend Stewart, of the senate, has laid my case before you. The fact is, Sir, I am totally unfit for the more arduous duties of a soldier, morally and physically; For a number of years I have been able to do very little labor and have engaged in teaching, so that I could render more efficient service, now, where labor of the brain was required than where mere animal strength and endurance were needed. Such a situation I would be most happy to obtain, and if it ~~is~~ in your power to assist me, I would, indeed, be truly grateful for your aid. I know, Sir, that I took a very bold and unwarranted step in thus addressing you, but, let my anxiety be my plea.

I am of little service where I am
for I am unable to do any, and have been
on the sick report for more than two months
since the first of Dec.

Hardly daring to hope for an answer
to this letter, yet wishing very much for the
aid of influence, I remain, Sir:

Yours with respect,

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Co. A. 3rd Maine Regt.

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