

Washington D.C.

May. 27. 1863.

My Dear Gen.

Once again I will make an enquiry concerning the two bills I have passed in D.C. for holding elections & for recruiting the 5th Maine. Have either of them been allowed me, and if not what is the prospect that they will be. I am likely to be absent from Maine for a while at least, & not permanently, and I am very anxious to have all my business in that State settled as soon as possible. What can be done to be allowed & to be but 50 per cent. I would be glad to have it now. I cannot ask you to go out of the way of your duty in the matter, yet you are fully aware that it ought to be paid. I shall be glad to hear from you when convenient. The rumor here is today & a rumor about

I generally believe, that the Army of the
Potomac will fall back to the entrenchment around
Washington & prepare for its defense, leaving
Richmond undisturbed or to be taken at
some future day by some other Army than
that of the Potomac.

Yours Very Truly

Mark H. Dannel

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