

Head Quarters 20th Maine Vols.
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Genl. John L. Hadsdon }
Adjt. Genl. Maine }

General,

Your notice
of the appointment of Doct. True, for Surgeon
of this Regiment, is received. I suppose we
are not entitled to two and we have
one very good one here now (Doct. Shaw)

He is out of health however and
has sent up his resignation and it will
be quite likely to be approved & I think
he will get his discharge this week.

An officer cannot get discharged
from the army for disability while in the
field, unless it is very apparent and totally
unfits him from active duty - It is unsafe
to make promotions before officers are
discharged.

Respectfully yours

C. D. Gilmore
Col. 20th Me. Vols.

Charles D. Gilmore
Col. 2nd Me Vols
Feb 20, 1865

Relating to the probable
resignation of Surgeon
Shaw of that Regt