

Camp 5th Maine reg^t
Near Beverly Ford Va.
Dec 5th 1863

Hon Abner Coburn Esq
Gov of Maine.

Sir: I have been advised by
my friends at Washington,
to just say to you, that I have been
unable as yet, to obtain any position
of importance, in the Army. & feeling
as though I was entitled to some good
place somewhere, I thought I would
remind you of the fact. before the ex-
piration of your term, as Gov.

I think Mr Sherman of Paris, has
spoken to you about my case. also
Mr Perry of Clifford. & can respectfully
refer you to Col Edmonds of this reg^t
& many others if necessary.

I will just say, that I have been with
the reg^t in everything since I came here
last summer.

Should be just to^{be} remunerated in
some way. & also to hear from you

Yours Truly

John M Swift

Beverly Ford, Va.

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Swift, J. M.

Solicits some good place