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Boston July 11th 1864

Dear sir —

Excuse the liberties
I take in writing this letter.
My husband Geo. W. Tappan
came home in the 5th
Maine Regt. he has been a-
way for three years and
I have never received a cent
from him. He came home dress-
ed himself up in a new suit
of clothes and ~~he~~ never receiv-
ed any money from him to sup-
port me. I did not know
that he was going to enlist
at all he went away and
was gone almost two years
before I knew where he was
then he came home ^{on furlough} when
he was gone about a year

and half and claimed
state aid and that was
all the support I ever got from
him and I should be very
much obliged to you if you
would let me know whether
he got paid off or not be-
cause I think that I am
entitled one half of his
earning. having no other
means of support for myself
and children I thought that
you would be so kind as
to let me know in what ^{way} I
could get this money his un-
iform is in the house and
all his equipments he belongs
to Cape Ann Gloucester I was
up to the office where I receive
the state aid and I told him
about it and he said the
best thing I could do was

to write to you and gave
me the directions I should
not have known any thing
at all only for him I hope
you will be so kind as to
give me an answer to this
letter because I really need
help for my self and my
children direct to

Mess. Geo. W. Saffran
425 Hanover St
Boston
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excuse bad writing
P. I. There is also ~~18~~ month's more
state aid coming to me which
I never received I think that
ought to get this also

Geo. W. Tappan

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