## 1863-12-08 Warren W. Bradford asks for release from jail for desertion

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General

I seat myself to write to you a statement of my case and to ask your intrest in my behalf if I deserve it. I enlisted 2 years ago last April in the second maine Regiment I stayed with them till after 1st Bull Run untill Oct. one day I got a chance to go over to Washington and while in Georgetown I went into a Maine mans store he gave me liqure to drink and while under the influence of it he got me to desert he gave me a suit of

Cloths and got me a chance to work for Government I worked one month and then afread to go back to the Regiment. I went home. I stayed over the lines untill I hered the Presidents Proclamation when I started for home but not having money sufficient I was delayed one the road and by the time I got in Banger (where I live with my Step Father Mr Pallupe) it was the 4 day of April and to late my mother (I am an only Child) was afread to have me go back and I kept putting it off untill the 14 of April

when I had made all my arrangements and bid my friends good buy and intended to start for Augusta the ment morning I was arested that night and have [?] ever since I was Court Martialed and sentenced to Forfell all pay and alowance that was due or may be due to work 15 months at hard laber at such place as the General Commanding shall se fitt and at the end of that time to be dishonerably discharged from the services of the U.S.

Now what I want is this to be released (I dont want any pay) and allowed to

go home a little while then I will willingly enlist in the 1st Maine Cavlery or any other Maine Regiment in the field and do any duty like a soldier.

I have behaved myself since I have been under arrest (April 15) I have not ben under punishment nor been reproved for any thing if you see fit to grant my request Please write a few lines to

Warren W Bradford

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