## 1862-12-10 J.W. Chamberlain solicits a commission

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Bangor Me

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Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir,

Your kind note of

the 8th inst asking what were my plans & expectations

was received last night. In reply I would

say that having failed to make any arrangement

with Col. Mason I had about concluded it was

useless to attempt further efforts to secure a

commission. And yet I did not like to

give it up altogether: first because I

had commenced and persevered so long

at it and next because I had expended

so much money which would be lost

unless I could get a Lieut'cy.

May I

again venture to ask you to consider favorably

my claims of service in the field

fitting me by experience for the position I seek

& of money and efforts spend in obtaining men

who are now in the U.S. service.

A commission could be given me in another

regiment when there is a vacancy, without the

consent of the commanding officer. Had it not

been done in this and other States before I would

not now ask it in my own case.

Should you think

best to commission me I would take as many men

as I could possibly influence to go with me.

I might not be able to take all, as, not going into

the corps they enlisted for they may be entitled

to select their regiment.

In conclusion allow

me to state, that my expectations are that you

will grant my request, and my plans, if you

do not, for the men to go into any regiment

they choose, go back myself to my old duty of

recruiting for the 2d Regiment till I am recalled

and then serve my country in the field to the

end of the war.

Thanking you for remembering

me I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

J.W. Chamberlain

To His Excellency

I. Washburn Jr.

Governor of Maine

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