## 1862-08-12 S.B. Morison writes to Governor Washburn regarding surgeon positions

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Transcription:

In camp near Harrison's Landing Va

2nd Maine Regt. Vol.

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Hon I. Washburn

Dear Sir

I perceive by

the papers that at least one more new

regiment is to be raised immediately

in Maine. In my judgment either a

Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon who has

seen some service should be put into

each new regiment. You have received

a letter as to qualifications of Doctor

Palmer and for the sake of benefitting

the service I should not object to his

appointment as Surgeon in some other

regiment. I would not [?] object to

going into a new regiment myself

if it was judged that I would be more

useful there than here. I am perfectly

satisfied with my present position, and

am not aware that the regiments

are dissatisfied with me but I think it now

[emphatically?] a time, where the [?]

interest, and not the private wishes of

individuals should be consulted for

unless I much mistake there is a pretty

serious affair to be settled, and all the

means in our power should be brought

into immediate requisition. I think

you will hear of some important

movements [a?] with that [?]

[?] before this reaches you. I trust we

shall move in some direction very

soon as otherwise I think there will

be great sickness in [?]. From

this regiment twenty eight sick had

been sent away the day I arrived

here, last Friday yesterday sixty more were

sent. you can therefore judge that the

[?] of our pace is being essentially

weakened every day hence the necessity

of immediate recruits. My health has

somewhat improved, though I am by no

means able to [?] from active duty. If

our regiment should remain in a position

similar to what it now occupies, I shall

not expect to gain any strength. Excuse

the liberty I have thus taken I have

written for your own private eye and I am

not sure but publicity of the above would

subject me to punishment as tending to

[?] enlistments. In haste many thanks,

S. B. Morison

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