## 1862-08-16 Daniel Ricker requests a discharge for his ailing son

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Gen Hodsdon

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to

write you a few lines in regard

to my son you being the only

one that can do me any good

at this time for I am in a great

strate and I rely uppon you as

an old friend to assist me now

for my case is urgent it is

this my son is a soildier in the

2d Regiment of Maine Volunteers

and has Been sick since last Sept

Last May he was sent home and

the other Day Received an order from

the department at Augusta to

appear there he went and he writes

me that they are going to send him

to the Hospital you may think this is

all right But to me it does not ap

pear to my son is in a very

critical state as regards his health

and I fear it will endanger his

recovery if he is sent to the

Hospital now what I want you

to do is o use your influence to

get his discharge if he would be

of any use to the government I would

not say one word But he must

Be an expence and an injury to

himself for he cannot be able

to do duty as sorry as he is in his

present state of health and he

will Be Better of at home if

you will assist in getting his

discharge you will confer a

great favour on me and I am

verry confidant it will be no dam

age to the government if I thought

it would I would not ask it I do

not with you to do any thing that

will compromise your duty as an

officeer But what I do

is that my son shal have a fair

Chance and not be sent off

when it will no benefit to him

nor to the government but an injury

to Both Trusting that you will

Be so kind as to fo what is right and

Propper in this case and hopeing

for the Best I will write no more

at Presant about this case

if your official and other duties

does not Prevent Please drop me a

Line and you shal Receive my

most hearty thanks

Yours

Truly

Daniel Ricker

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