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To His Excellency Arlington Heights Va. Aug. 14. 1861
Israel Washburn Gov. of Maine

We, the undersigned Field, Staff and Company officers attached to the 2nd Maine Regiment, humbly pray your Excellency to use all possible and honorable means to Muster out of the United States Service and immediately order to Maine this regiment, for the following reasons - Viz:

1st Since the late engagement at Stone Bridge, we have been unable to procure shoes or clothing of any description, while other regiments and those lately organized have been amply supplied.

2nd Our encampment being located in an unhealthy position, many of our men are rendered unfit for service, and require recruiting.

3rd Our new recruits not having been thoroughly examined, more than one quarter of them, on account of physical inability must be discharged.

4th In consequence of a misconception long existing in the regiment in regard to their term of service, fifty eight privates, and four non-commissioned officers, have this day refused duty, and in consequence of said disobedience, have, by order of General Scott Commander in-chief, been sent to the "Bay Tortugas", in the Gulf of Mexico, on "detached service", there to serve until the Government deems it expedient to transfer them Northward.

Owing to the foregoing reasons, we trust our prayer may be granted - sincerely believing, that the above course will hereafter prove best, for the interest and welfare of Maine in the long "domestic struggle" now before us.

Chas. W. Roberts - Lieut Col^l

Geo. Varney Major

Asst Surg -

Chap. of Hampton

Quartermaster

Chas. T. Lord

Quartermaster

Luther H. Peiris

Lieut

Daniel F. Sargent Capt Co H

John Carroll Capt Co I

Levi Emerson Capt Co E

Daniel Chapin Capt Co F

John S. Sampson Capt Co J

J. C. Foy Capt Co K

C. W. Tilden Capt Co B.

Edward L. Getchell 1st Lieut Co H

Ralph W. Morse 2nd Lieut Co I

A. B. Farnham 1st Lieut Co E

F. A. Garnsey 2nd Lieut Co I

Henry Caspary 1st Lieut Co J

Spiles J. Sweeney 2nd Lieut Co E

James W. Adams 1st Lieut Co K

Albert G. Fellows 1st Lieut Co D

W. W. Sturtevant 1st Lieut Co J

J. R. Kirtledge 2nd Lieut Co I

A. P. Wilson 1st Lieut Co E

E. S. Merrill 2nd Lieut Co K

W. R. Currier acting Lieut Co B

A. L. Cowan 2nd Lieut Co K

G. J. Brown 2nd Lieut Co B

R. P. Wiggins Lieut Comd Co A

James Dean 2nd Lieut Co K