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Gen. Hodges

Dear Sir

I became
much prostrated from a ~~camp~~
malaria fever accompanied
by severe cough, so that I
obtained leave of absence and
have been at home some
more than two weeks. I am
gaining some, but am extremely
feeble and fear I may not
be able to resume active
duty in the field for a season
^{of months}. I have ~~never~~ intended to start
for the regt. some time next
week, as I suppose Dr. Allen
is now sick at his home in
Vermont & Doct. Bussan sick in
Barton, at least this was latest
account from the recent Dept. of

Dr. Meeni - a pretty had read.

Unless I soon regain my strength I shall send in my resignation, or strain for some less exposed and arduous position until I get thoroughly recruited. I don't feel like leaving the service just yet. But cannot perform impossibilities, physically no more than mentally.

Henry S. Barker Co. C. 2^d Maine, son of Mr. Barker Esq. Co. Conn. of Bremen, would like a position as an officer of the line in a colored regt. South. He is a young gentleman of ability. Has an excellent education not only English, but reads Latin quite well. is perfectly reliable and I have no doubt would do honor to such a position. I write this, partly

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as he has for a number of
months been Ward Master
in Hospital and has performed
his duties to the great satis-
faction. If you can aid
him you will receive his
heartly thanks and much
gratitude yours friend

W. Smith
S. B. Mason

P. S. Since writing foregoing
I have learned by a letter from Doct
Mason that he is very sick and
has sent in his resignation.
S. B. M.

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Apr 10, 1863.

Chief Medical Department of 2^d

Reg^t N.L. Bowen. Co. 2^d for Comanches Regiment