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In Camp near Harrison Landing Va

Dr. Morris Regt. W. M.

August 12th. 1862.

Hon. J. 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 Doct. Palmer and for the sake of benefiting the service I should not object to his appointment as Surgeon in some other regiment. I would not even 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 was emphatically a time, when the public 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 associated with this in
my before this reaches you. I trust we
shall move in some direction very
soon or otherwise I think there will
be great sickness in our ranks. 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 effi-
ciency of our force 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 perform active duty. If
our regiment should remain in a position
similar to what it now occupies, I shall
not object to you any strength. Excuse
the liberty I have thus taken I have
written for your own private eye as I am
not sure but publicity of the above would
subject me to punishment or tending to
diminish my sentiments. Adieu My truly
A. B. Morrison.