

Head Quarters 5th Maine Regt.

Nov. 14th 1862

To His Excellency Israel Washburn Jr  
Governor. State of Maine

Sir:

I have been importuned by many of my officers to make an effort to have this Regiment assigned to some expedition going South; (General Banks preferred), and though it would be very agreeable to me, as well as all the officers and men, I have thought it best to make no move in that direction without first consulting Your Excellency. The troops under General Banks, I presume, will be mostly new and a Regiment, such as the Fifth, would, I think, without a doubt, have a renewed opportunity, and would improve the same to distinguish themselves. Should it please Your Excellency to give your approval of this movement, I have no doubt our prayer would be granted, and we could be assigned to the Corps of General Banks, where, Your Excellency may rest assured, the old Fifth Regiment would make a mark for itself and do credit to the "Old Pine Tree State"

I am Governor

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

E. A. Scamman  
Col. Com. Regt.