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**1861-10-08 M.S. Hagar reports on Dr. Colby to Governor
Washburn**

M. S. Hagar

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Richmond Oct. 8. 1861.

Dear Sir

Dr Colby was established here for several years in the practice of Medicine - he was considered to be a good Physician - especially as a Surgeon. His moral character & habits were then good - Some five years ago he left a good practice, & moved away with a decent property - He has returned not having met with the success that he anticipated in other places.

I never heard any evil reports of him from abroad - Since receiving your letter on Saturday last, I have made enquiries in regard to him, as to character, habits &c, of persons here, who (not particularly friendly) would be likely to be informed in respect to them - I learn that he is not now a total abstinence temperance man, but a moderate drinker - I do not hear that he does ~~over~~ has drunk to intoxication - Reports have come here that he has been too free with women - This is a private vice - he may be guilty - but I do not think that he is very bad in this way - He behaved well here -

Hon Israel Washburn Jr. With much respect Yrs &c
Augusta. M. S. Hagon.

Richmond Me.

Oct. 3. 1861.

Kagar. M.S.

Dissecting Dr Colby

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