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**1862-08-06 Colonel Allen writes Governor Washburn about
Surgeon Patten and resignation of Captain Prince**

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Hon J. Washburn }
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My Dear Sir

Your letter together with Surgeon Patten was received yesterday. We feel under great obligations to you for a Gentleman as well as a Dr of so high reputation. Many in the Regt know the Dr well, Dr Tefft has not resigned to my knowledge, he is in Washington D. C.

In a previous letter you mentioned there being some political influence brought to bear in regard to Capt Prince's resignation, which I think totally false for the fact that Capt Prince vents his resignation accepted arising to the unpleasant feelings

existing with his Lieutenants & for the fact he wanted to join the navy.

When I got the two resignations approved myself & made a special request to the Sec of War ~~and~~ I did in Capt Burbanks case & yet none were accepted though approved by Gen^l Ricketts & McDowell; The fact is just about that time they refused anyone an honorable resignation, I know personally of eleven applications in our Division & not one granted, As to justice & fairness between my officers I have ever exerted myself to the utmost to accomplish it, feeling assured that such a course was the only one safe or commendable for a commander,

I thank you sincerely, Governor for the marked interest you have ever manifested in my behalf as well as that of the Regt & as we are hourly expecting to go forward to face our enemy, I will try God helping me to sustain the good reputation the Regt has here,

Dr Garcelon is here with us & will give
you a full report when he returns.

Capt Cowan or Putnam I presume you
have seen & there is one important part
I am very desirous of accomplishing which
is state of the horses for all recruits
we may have. The horses are worth
double those drawn at Washington
& I presume you could be allowed to furnish
them by making the request. Will
you please do it? & greatly oblige

Your Obedt Servant
S. H. Allen