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Adjutant General Correspondence

1861-09-13 Joseph Fletcher requests a discharge for his ailing son Roland

Joseph Fletcher

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North Searsmont Sept. 13th D. 1861

Honorable Israel Washburn Jr.
Governor of the State of Maine, Sir;
I hereby inform you as a sincere Friend to
you that I have a Son in Washington, that
has been for a long time past in the Hospital
at Alexandria very much out of Health, and
feels on that account very desirous of getting home
if he is able, I feel very anxious about him as
I well knew before he enlisted that his Health was
Delicate and poor that he, was not fit for that
Service he enlisted in, which was the only reason
perhaps of my objection to his enlisting, I think on
the account of his poor Health that he would not
have enlisted had he not been over influenced in some
I have had quite a No. of Letters from him since he
has been there, He has wrote to me that he expected
some time ago to have got an honorable discharg
as his paper had been long on the Docket. He says I
would like to stay here to ^{the} end of the War If I could
have my Health, They have a Law so arrang'd that -

- a sick Person on account of sickness cannot get
~~is~~ discharged, so they have to devise with some
other means. Doubtless he wishes me to interceed
in his behalf, Honoid Sir if it is consistant with you
to interceed in behalf of his discharge you will
much Oblige me and him, He went from Augusta
in the Brass Band 3th Me. Reg. He has many
Relatives and Friends there. He Boarded before he
went with Mr Arthur Burden near the West
end of the rail road Bridge, could you see him
you might find out more particular about him
He writes his Name Roland R. Fletcher
Yours most Respectfully Joseph Fletcher

