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Description: Neal Dow wrote to William Fessenden, to resign his

commission in the army.

Hon. W^m. P. Fessenden Dear Sir –

Many thanks for your very kind note of the 24th. My leave expires on the 30th. and but for your note I should have left home for Wash. to day in order to report myself at the War office on Wednesday though I am entirely unfit for active service.

My short rations in Richmond and particularly sleeping on the bare floor in cold weather in a light summer dress with= =out bedding of any kind for a considerable time broke down my health so far that I am yet very weak and suffer much from the effects of a bad cold and cough contracted

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I am sorry to leave the service, as I wished to "see it out" – but at my time of life recovery from pros= =tration is very slow. When I arrived at home my friends hardly thought I should sur= =vive so long as this.

I take the liberty of en=
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to you, as the best thing
to do under the circum=
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Very Truly Yours New Dow Portland Nov. 28. 1864

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