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Description: Cyrus McBride letter on election

## Harewood Hospital Washington Oct 31st 1864

## Mr Hines Sir

I have had a Furlough made out & signed by Gen<sup>1</sup> Argur to go to the State of Maine for the Election I went to the Surgeon in charge this morning for him to sign an Order for me to draw an Over Coat he asked me how long I had been in the service I told him I had been most three years he Ordered the Executive Surgeon to Stop my Furlough and send me to the Front he said it was not worth while to send me home as I had but a little longer to serve I should like to know if he can stop my Furlough after I have been recomended made out & Approved by the Gen<sup>1</sup> in Command if he has authority to

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