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Description: James B. Bell's letter to George F. Shepley requesting that the surgeon of one regiment be transferred so that Bell may fill that position.

Augusta Dec 17. 1861 Col Shepley

Dear Sir
Col Dorr has informed
you he would like to take a personal
friend as his asst. Surg. meaning
myself. Dr Gordon's character, both
personal and professional, is
sufficiently well known to you to
need no assurance that he is
perfectly acceptable to Col. Dorr.

D^r. G. however would like very much to join your regiment and if you could allow him a few days to arrange his affairs, even though he was obliged to follow you after this regiment had

failed you must became for journey the gentleman who passed the best be aminiation of any other - as all. Lung and confer a great favor by opening a position for me in Bol Dorris. Degiment. Mostorepictfully gro-L. R. Bell M.D. 127 mi. wl-Hyme can grant this request

sailed. You would secure for yourself the gentleman who passed the best examination of any other – as asst. Surg. and confer a <u>great favor</u> by opening a position for me in Col. Dorr's regiment.

Most respectfully yrs -

J.B. Bell M.D.

Col Shepley

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Camp Chase

Lowell

If you can grant this request please reply by telegraph.