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Description: Israel Washburn wrote to Edwin Stanton to urge him to appoint Col. George F. Shepley, as Brigadier General of Volunteers.

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