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Description: Col. Franklin S. Nickerson wrote to Gen. George F. Shepley to ask for lumber for the troops to built berths.

Head Quartes 14 Me Vols New Orleans June 5, 1862 Genl:

Our men are suffering in health for want of lumber to build bunks. Col. Kimball has it & will only deliver it only on your orders. Shall we have it? I think the Maine Rgts. have been rather modist in requisitions. At least we have. This Regt has slept on the ground for more than a week – I cannot say how far such exposure will affect their health in future. It is bad enough now.

I regret to trouble you with what it seems to me to belong the Q. M. department. Our requisition is in. The matter is submitted to your consideration

I am Respectfully
Yr obt. Svt.
F. S. Nickerson Col.