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Date: January 1, 1863

Description: Joseph Baker wrote to George F. Shepley asking him to intercede to release, his son, John Frazier from his military duties.

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Gov Shepley

Mr John A Frazier of Portland, the father of John Frazier who had studied in your office before you left this state & went with you as a servant in some other capacity in the 12th Regt, has enlisted in Company B. 12th Me Regt, but is now attached for service at the General Hospital in Augusta; & in consequence of this his son is very much needed at home to take charge of the family affairs in his father's absence; & as his duty has been very much changed since he went out, his place is less desirable to him. Mr Frazier therefore desires that you will use your efforts to procure the discharge of his son & let him return. Respectfully Yours

Joseph Baker for Mr Frazier

Joseph Baker writes for
J. A. Frazier in asking Genl. Shepley
to discharge his son in 12<sup>th</sup> Maine
date of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 –
Ans<sup>d</sup> by writing Mr. John A
Frazier Portland Maine, that
her son John Frazier cannot be
discharged except by Surgeons
certificate of disability –
Jany 27<sup>th</sup> 1863 ~ by
J. C. Shepley military – Sec –
Jan 1863 –

[written sideways]
Write Mr. John
A Frasier Portland
Maine not in my
power to discharge
him without
certificate from
Surgeon of disability