



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Executive Department.

Boston, Oct. 29th 1861.

To Brig. Genl John W. Phelps,
U. S. Volunteers,
Newport News, Va.

General:

I beg leave to ask of you a personal favor in behalf of some personal friends, whom I know your kindness of heart will induce you to oblige, if it is practicable.

A townsman, schoolmate, and old friend of myself, - Lieut. Charles L. Peirson, Adjutant of our gallant Massachusetts 20th, - was taken prisoner, at the same time with Col. Lee and Major Revere, at the battle of the 21st inst near Leesburg, and has probably been removed to Richmond. I wish to forward to him