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Adjutant General Correspondence

1861-04-21 H.W. Cunningham requests a commission as Major in return for raising 2 companies of volunteers

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Belfast April 21st 1861

Dear Sir

I propose to raise two Companies of volunteers, men that are hard and accustomed to hardship, that will fight on their feet or on their backs, if I can have a Major's Commission or one Company if I can have a Capt., Com I ~~do not~~ know what to do untill the Legislature meets and takes action

The Belfast Artillers will be on hand if called upon, but I think better of the volunteer plan, and inlist them during the war, I can raise two Companies of as good men as ever marched from this state and have them ready to march in two weeks. Please inform the Governor of my wishes

Yours Truly
W^m Cunningham

Genl. John L. Hodsdon