

Biddeford Aug 24. 1861.

Genl Hodsdon.

Mr. Hemmingway reported to me through Mr. Roberts of Alfred yesterday Saturday at Alfred that their rolls contained the names of 58 men and that they expected to have by Saturday night 60 or 65 men enlisted. I suppose Mr. Hemmingway has reported the number to you. I should think that it would be well as soon as they have 60 or 65 men to have the Company organized and if not called at once to Augusta to have them rendezvous to Springvale where Mr. Hemmingway says they can find board for \$1.75 per week. I again ~~then~~ renew my recommendations for papers to be sent to Irving M. Hute. Beren (address, Great Falls). I think Mr. Hute will put some difficulty in recruiting a Company.

but he thinks he can and it would be well to let him try.

There are influences at work, perhaps more than in any County in the State to throw obstacles in the way of enlistments. I have not the slightest doubt but what the "Copperhead politicians" of this County are doing their utmost to prevent enlistments and the stories about the want of proper care to the soldiers at Washington, also seriously embarrass. I have letters full of complaints, which of course ought to be remedied.

I enclose to an extract from a letter written by a young man to his father under date of Aug 14. from Alexandria a soldier in the first Cavalry enlisted here. The young man I am well acquainted with is a sober, industrious man, and knowing him as I do, I cannot but think his complaints have some foundation in fact. Please read the extract carefully, and after reading

use your discretion about showing it to the
Governor. -

Gen John L. Hodson
Augusta

Yours truly
Lewis O'Brien

P.S.

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Since the foregoing was written Mr
Kimball has come here with the following
Enclosed rolls of Instruments. Your letter
has also been received, authorizing me to
hold the Election. We have concluded
to have the Election tomorrow evening at
7 o'clock at Springfield. If I need further
orders to preside at the Election please send
them by Telegraph, or a letter for the office
would reach me by the afternoon 3 1/2 o'clock
mail. If I hear nothing further I shall
presume the matter to be right, and hold
the Election

Yours truly
Lewis O'Brien