

Private

Biddesford, Aug 30. 1861

Genl Hodson.

I was asked to write both you and the Governor, regarding Capt Hemmingway's Company to remain until after Election I was told that they were three quarters, in fact about all Republicans, and as they were very good looking and very well behaved men, I have no doubt of its truth. Quite a number of the soldiers are the sons of the best Republicans in the County. Some of our friends are of opinion that it will be close work here. I do not share in their apprehensions, yet if the thing could be arranged without too much inconvenience it would be well. The plan suggested by the Governor

though, it would cause you trouble,
would save expense of transportation
and perhaps could be carried into
effect. I think the Company will
be filled up to the full number in
the course of next week - I learn that
recruits were obtained at the Camp ^{meeting}
ground to day, and all who apply to
me I advise to go to Springfield
and enlist, as as soon as they do their
pay and subsistence will commence.

Now, in regard to your enquiry, Capt
H. has had no military experience
whatsoever, he is a man of energy, method
in business, and lacks nothing but the
desirable quality of experience. While
I had not the slightest hesitation
in recommending him to command a
Company, I should hesitate some

about your father - Could you
find men who have some military
experience, and be prep the other
requirements of carefulness, business
habits, and courage for field officers
at least to command the Regt? -

Now about your staff for the
Zejath, were it practicable for
me to arrange my business, and I
could get permission to ~~do so for~~
continue the possession of the P. C.,
while absent. I should be more
than tempted to ~~look~~ accept, if
offered me, the best of I would master
in one of the Regiments from an State.
I think the knowledge I have of the
business details in military matters
might be of service -

In regard to your question
about other Companies, I will answer
tomorrow.

Yours truly,
Lans O'Brien (over)

I ought to have written you
yesterday, that I was both surprized
and delighted, to receive a call from
Gen. Hodder, on Monday, who made
it in his way to visit me when returning
home. He stopped over night, here,
and went to Bangor via Exeter. He
wished me to say that he was on his
way home. The old Gen ran up my
Chamber stairs with all the alacrity
of child.

L O G.

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Middlebury
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