

Camp Knox Mendon Hill Lexington
Head Quarters 4th Reg. Me. Vol. June 25 1861

Sir

We arrived here in good condition & spirits on the evening of Thursday last at 10 o'clock. Went into Quarters at The Boardwalk building for the night & encamped on this spot next day - Our journey was quite pleasant to Baltimore having been kindly treated & received at Portland, Boston, New York & Phila. At Baltimore a change of feelings was plainly visible, we passed through in a manner entirely orderly, with full Band playing National Music. Our banners unfurled &c

We are now hard at work drilling up our men in the new drill adopted by our Government, it is a combination of parts of all the ~~old~~ tactics out - Hope to be in good condition for service soon -

We want instruments for Bands have all the members required: but no instruments; other states furnish them and most all Regiments here have Bands of Music - Army men say that it is highly necessary to have Bands with Regiments; Music elevates the men and is conducive to good health - Regiments that have them are in better condition than those that do not. Mr Robie will fully explain my wishes in this matter. Very Meigs of Quarter Master Gen

desires Maine Regiment to have free baggage
trains of twenty Six (26) wagons to Regiment &
further says to use his own words "it would be
a perfect God send to Gen Foot" to have the addi-
tional trains sent. I hope you will think proper to
do so as Col. Howard & myself are anxious to
move at earliest moment.

Washington is rapidly filling
up with troops. it is evident that an onward move-
ment will take place soon -

Should desire a visit of mine. I should
be much pleased to hear from you occasionally

Respectfully Yours

Hon Isaac Washburn
Gov Maine
August

W H Barry Comd'g the 1st