

Farmington Sept. 18. 1861.
Hon. Israel Washburn

Dear Sir:

Mr. Jennings
who has had orders for enlisting men
for a company of Cavalry, has been
active & remarkably successful in enlisting
men for service. A large portion of a
company have already been secured &
being personally acquainted with many
of the men & having seen the most of them.
I can certify that no company of men
surpass them for temperance, intelligence
& ability, that has been raised in this
State or any other State in the Union.
Let me specify - One is a Deputy Sheriff -
a man of wealth for the county. Another
is Supervisor of Common Schools. another
is the son of the Sheriff of the County.
I will here say, that if accepted it will
be a company of which the State will
be proud. And I trust no influence
will be used by designing men outside

in any way to defeat the accomplishment
of Mr Jennings' undertaking. Our people
seem to be moving in furnishing men.
for our country. & if no head winds blow
we shall soon raise another company
of Infantry.

Very respectfully, your
Obt. Servant
S. P. Merrill

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Hopes no outside influence
will be allowed to defeat
Mr Jennings