

Winds 20 Sept. 1861

My dear Sir,

We are just started
in the Cavalry recruiting and are
advancing with good success,

I recd. by Express last evening
General Order No. 47 and all
other documents & blanks -

I shall fill up the quota of
men by the time I can
get a reply to this letter
from you. Will you
therefore have the kindness
to tell me what is the
next step in the process?
I presume it to be the or-
ganization of the Company -

And where will that take place
& who is to transport them
there & who will preside
at the Election?

Suppose the company
nominate for Captain
a gentleman here (by
the name of Sparling) at
whose request I have
asked for the enlisting
order and he is found
to be every way worthy &
well qualified should
you pursue the same
course as heretofore &
commission him?
I put his claim on nothing
but absolute & perfect
merit - living on a horse

back for years in California
capable even of throwing
the lasso - never touched
a drop of intoxicating liquor
in his life - uses no tobacco
- possessing a very high
character for integrity - good
morals & intelligence and
a perfect gem of physical
perfection - to whom
the company that he en-
lists (I in fact only help) -
are ardently attached -

I met May. A Hayden at-
taches to the Regt. of Infanteries
commanded by Col. Knowlton.
Does he raise the Washington
County quota of men? - and
how soon will he be full?

If proper I should like to take charge of transporting the men to the place of organization and presiding at the election —

When an officer takes a servant with him must the servant be enlisted into the company with the other recruits? or can he take for a servant a minor under the age of 18 years? —

Does the muster roll sent me contain 43 names & numbers — I presume that to the extent of the number of men I am to enlist — but does

it include the officers too?
If it is possible we
should like the privi-
lege of raising the largest
portion of the 97 men
so as to be sure in selecting
the right man for Captain,
or vice you permit that
County of the two to have
the largest quota that
raises them first:—

We are just beginning
to move for recruits to join
Col. Cummins' Sharp Shooters
and also drill (under
charge of Spaulding) the
men already enlisted &
I faithfully promise our
men shall carry off

the palm when they
reach the place of
rendezvous - Already
we have some of them
accustomed to the
saddle & the town
furnish horses for us
to practice with -

Hoping to hear from
you soon I remain

Your obed. servt
Charles Hamilton
Gen. Washburn Jr
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