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Camp Peble June 11th
1861.

Governor Washburn.

Honored Sir I
am requested in behalf
of the 5th Reg't Maine Volun-
teers to write for information
concerning a Regimental
Band. I would like
answers to the following
questions.

1st What pay do the two
principal Musicians receive

2. Must the men be enlisted
soldiers in some Company.

3. Are the Band furnished
with instruments, & if
so, supposing we enlist
fine Musicians with fine

instruments, shall we have
an allowance, for the
cheaper instruments which
would be furnished
by the State. If so
it would serve as an induc-
ement for good musicians
to enlist. A good band
will both amuse & elevate
the Regiment. We feel
desirous to enlist the best
possible talent, & any
information or instruction
which you may afford
us, will be gratefully
received.

Yrs with utmost
Respect,

Capt H. B. Thomas
in behalf of Committee