

Portland June 15th 1861

My Dear Governor,

The several captains of the
companies of the 5th Regiment, have bills
for enlistment, ^{and subsistence after organization,} and other bills for which
they have paid cash, amounting to con-
siderable sums. They say, that these
bills must be paid before they leave,
and they look to the bills, that they
hold against the State, as a source
to meet their various liabilities—
What shall I say to the Captains?
I have all the boxes for Washington
daily and properly packed. The

pantalons hats &c and every other article are in the Quartermaster's department - I have thought best, that as few articles should be delivered as will meet the necessities of the case, until it is fully decided who are to compose the Companies -

Since your letter - I have thought it would be a good opportunity for me to go to Washington with the 4th Regiment, paying my own bills, only as far as the Rail Road will take me free - and if you make no objections, and

The State will not need my ser-
vices, I should like to be ab-
sent one week - - I will go to
Boston and purchase the printing
presses and drawers for the O. P. S.
and will proceed with the 4th
to Washington -

I wish you would give me a
letter of introduction to Sec. Com-
mission - I should like to see him
ten minutes, if he can spare that
time - I will visit all our Reg-
iments and then come back -

Please send me a letter to Portland

by Monday's mail - Will do anything
that you desire, if { yours very truly
I should go. - } Fred S. White

If you think I can go please say
to Ray, Gen. Bartlett, that I
think of going to Washington — al-
though I am not fully decided —

P. Robie.
Baltimore.
June. 15.