

War Department
Adjutant General's Office
Washington June 23^d 1863.

Special Orders }
No. 277 (Extrac.)

4... All officers with the rank of Major, first and second Lieutenants in excess of the number allowed a regiment of Infantry, belonging to the + + + and 1st regiment Maine Heavy Artillery, are hereby mustered out of service from the respective dates of muster in they having been received into service in violation of the orders of the War Department.

This order will not apply to certain officers of the 1st Maine and + + + Artillery recently authorized under special authority from this Department to be retained.

Hereafter in the regiments named the following rules will be observed with reference to officers of the grades enumerated.

1st The additional Company Officers authorized to be added at the President's discretion will be received when the respective Companies with which they are to serve are recruited to the maximum.

2nd A second Major will be received when
there are men sufficient to form eight maximum
Companies, the third Major when the regiment
is completed to the maximum of 12 Companies.

By order of the Secretary of War
Ed Townsend
Asst. Adjutant General

To The
Governor of
Maine }

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