

Rockland, 29th June 1862.

Gov. Washburn:

My Dear Sir:

I would like to enquire if I have got to get 83 men in order to get a commission? If so, shall ~~not~~ withdraw my claims for a position in the 16th Regt. - I am satisfied Col. Wilder is doing all he can against me - I know this have an abundance of proof. I have sent to Augusta twelve as good men as can be found in this State & he has thrown them out & people here are making considerable talk about it. I have had experience enough in this business to judge of a man, if he is a proper subject for a Soldier, & I have sent none but proper subjects. I have had them all examined by a suitable Surgeon & he pronounced them as such. After being rejected at Augusta they were told by officers there, that if they would, ^{enlist} in other companies they would pass & one man that was accepted was put into the Bangor Co. & sent word to me to come & get him clear, that he intended to go with me & will not go with anyone else. I have enlisted about thirty seven (37) men & they all declare (those that remain here) that they will not go unless they can go with me.

This makes it very bad for me. I haven't time & money
to throw away in this matter. I want to go very
much but it's no use to enlist any more men here.
It's impossible to get better men than some I have
sent & that have been rejected. They do not
exist. I can get as many men here as anyone
you can select but there is no encouragement
to enlist men under the circumstances. Wilde, is
bound to throw me out. After you have left the
appointment of my officers to me he will me he shall
reject such as he sees fit. Genl. Hedden gives me
my instructions, & he gives me different instructions.
The men that I have enlisted will not go unless I
go so they say. Lt. Merrill called one of my men
into his tent & told him if he would go in his company he
would have him passed. He told him if he could not go
in my company would not go at all.
Good men are scarce & have to be bought. I have
already expended 75¢ in enlisting men. besides
my time & trouble. Please let me hear from you
in relation to this matter at your earliest convenience
& oblige

Yours Obedt Servt
Chas. S. Stebbins