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Rockland 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1861

Gov. Washburn

I received notice from Col. Berry that Co. H. of 4<sup>th</sup> Reg is to be disbanded, and I am ordered to raise another, to fill its place.

The papers state, that more companies have applied to you, than could be received.

If this is true, you will greatly assist us by indicating, where one of the rejected companies are, so we can have the vacancies filled without delay.

I perceive by my returned letter, that I have offended you. I meant no offense  
You misunderstand<sup>me</sup> if you think so

But Gov. if you had been shot, as I have, by men, far out of the reach of our guns, you too would call for good arms

Yours Respectfully

Lieut R. H. Gray