

Hulltown July 14. 1862

General

I have opened an office in this town with fair prospect of success. Shall be active and faithful.

Can no measures be taken to prevent our enrolled militia from running over the Provincial line? On board the very coach in which I came Saturday there were about twenty stout able young men ^{from other countries}, avowedly bound for the Province to avoid being called out. - This is a painful sight for patriotic Brookston. - They were essentially hissed as they passed through this town I assure you. —

Was somewhat disappointed to find several other officers recruiting

about here, as if our county
could warrant successful com-
petition even yet.

An Augusta correspondent
has said that the two dollars
premium was to be paid at the
time of enlistment. Is that so?
I find nothing in my instructions
to that effect, and conclude it is not.

If successful, does my
monthly compensation commence
with my taking papers for recruiting.

Respectfully

H. C. Merriam

Rec. Off. for Androscott

John L. Hodsdon
Adjutant General

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