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Gent John L. Hodsdon

Dear Sir

Henry Barrett Esq of Amherst
is in great distress concerning
the situation of his two sons in
the 2^d Maine Regiment. They are
reported ~~enlisted~~ the Mutineers.

He says one of them is but
18 yrs of age that he consents
for him to enlist for two years &
he is desirous of knowing if the
Government will endeavor to hold
him now for three years or whether
he can be held any longer than
three months as none were authorized
to be enlisted for two years. He says
he wants his Boys to retain to
duty but does not want them
sent off. Mr Barrett is a very
good man and I hope you and
the Commander in Chief of Maine
will aid in doing what can
be done to relieve his Boys from
their unpleasant situation

This trouble probably all arises
from misapprehension and
I trust the Government will be
clement to them

Yours truly
J. S. Chadwick

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