1861-10-09 Lieutenant R.H. Gray requests clarification on extra pay for recruits

R. H. Gray
Rockland 9th October 1861

Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir,

The extra inducements offered for enlisting in Gen. Butler's Division are as follow:

To a man with a wife — $15.00 per month

" " " " " and one child $19.00

" " " " " " two children $21.00

Men enlist under these terms at Belfast and act in good faith. Also "The soldier will receive extra pay for any person depending upon them for support."

These inducements are copied from the bill. If they are authorized, no answer need be returned, if not, your excellency will see how necessary this information is to me, as it hurts my recruiting business, and I do not wish to see men deceived.

Yours Respectfully,

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Gov. S. Washburn Jr.