

Haulton July 18. 1862

General

I find it necessary to board my men at sundry different places which will occasion as many separate petty bills and much inconvenience.

May I be allowed to settle these and charge for board from enlistment?

Yours &c.

Henry C. Merriam

P S Recruits are coming fast, and I shall succeed well if I am not too speedily cut off. — Am getting quite a number from the neighboring Province which will compensate for the cowards who have absconded. — It is good money for bad. —

H. C. M.

yes. but my Gardiner will not pay but one week's board out of quarters

Henry C. Merriam
Houston
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