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General.

I have this day issued the extra set of recruiting papers put into my hands, to Joseph O. Smith of Hodgdon, with the understanding that he will receive a Lieutenant's Commission in my company if we should both be successful. This is according to the suggestions of His Excellency, the Governor. Have used much discretion in the selection, and feel sure that I have made a good one.

Mr. Smith proposes to open an office in Weston or Bancroft and will report to you as per directions.

Am getting recruits as fast as could be expected when we consider the large proportion of vols. already

sent from this vicinity. One thing
is certain - you cannot send a man
who can recruit faster in this por-
tion of our state than your humble.

Hope to be allowed as much time
as possible.

Yours patriotically
Henry Merriam

But one week's Board
will be paid prior to
joining Rest

July 19, 1863

Waltham.

H. K. Merriam