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Hon. Washburn
Governor Maine
Sir

Numbers from us here of
the 2^d Maine Regiment, knowing the interest you
have always taken in its welfare, and knowing your deter-
mination to have it filled up with good able men, have
requested me to call your attention to the subject which
I do with great reluctance, knowing how much you are pressed
with important business at this time.

We feel that arrangements should be made
immediately, to have it filled up, ~~without delay~~, as it
will take some time to enlist 500 good, suitable men, to fill up
a broken regiment, but with a little money, it can be done
quite soon. Nearly or quite a company, I am told, can be enlisted
in the town of Hampden. Col. Porter of Lowell, who will
be elected to legislation tomorrow I think, has of ten told me
that he could raise a good company in his representative
district. He has been a military man, and I think it would
be well to let him enlist all the good men he can find up
sides. I have not said anything to him up on the subject,
but name it for your consideration. Many good men can
be enlisted in Piscataquis County, and if different men in
different towns can have power, to enlist men, and be

instructed to pursue in their undertaking, the regiment
will be filled up immediately. If it is delayed, and new
regiments are to be attached to, before the old, I fear it
never will be filled.

Pardon me for calling your attention
to the subject. I would not do it at this time, but there
has been a fatality about this regiment in regard to delays,
and I feel that now is the time to fill it up.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Roberts

When Charles Lane wrote to me, he appeared in fine spirits,
and said the regiment had much improved in health, that
he had about 600 good fighting men, that would make their mark
when called upon.

A. M. Roberts
Bangor
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