

Camp Knox, near Alexandria

December 24th 1861

J. H. Hodsdon Adj. Gen. Maine, Sir,
I enlisted some men for the 4th
Maine, I enlisted some a month
before they were mustered. The U. S.
will pay only after date of muster,

The Gov. told me to advertise that
the pay would commence at date
of enlistment. The muster in, and
description rolls will contain all
necessary information. They are
justly entitled to their pay before
muster, What will you do about
the matter?

Also I believe I am entitled
to commutation of fuel & quarters, while
recruiting under State orders, written
by Gov. Washburn. I obtained it while
recruiting under U. S. orders, since 20th
of Sept. An officer sustains a loss

on recruiting service, without com-
mutation, because in the field they
have quarters furnished, and cheap
rations, but on detached service an
officer has to furnish his own quarters
and board himself

Yours Respectfully
Gives R. H. Gray

J. L. Hodsdon Adj. Gen. Maine

St. R. H. Gray.
Cousin Henry
Dec 24th 64