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Washington D.
Gov. of Maine
Sir

Enclosed is copy of an order to Col. D. Maine Regiment, who has written me as follows, "Your will see my command is now quite extensive and it is probable that I may remain here for the present. If there is any way to hurry up recruits for my regiment, I wish you would open the way for Lieut. Dean, also ask him to write me immediately the position of affairs connected with his department."

If I could have only two or three hundred men within a fortnight or three weeks, it would be of great advantage. I want in all four hundred, five hundred if possible, that would give me a good, full regiment for some time to come. I am glad Shepley is to take a colony, the more men of brains at the head, the sooner will the war be over. Col. Varney is now visiting the various forts, around here. Genl. Mc Lellan is in front about three miles from this station. His progress will be slow, but I trust, sure.

I cannot see any way to recruit the regiment when thirteen offices are open in this city for sundry and probably the same number in proportion, all over the State.

Unless you can do something for the Maine B^d, it cannot
be filled as it does not stand any chance, where
all officers from a corporal ~~and~~ upwards are already made
~~and~~ in the new companies, all are to be made where every
man thinks he stands a chance.

To contrive some way to fill up the
regiment, or to send at least two hundred men, they cannot
be obtained, unless you can contrive some way to do it.

It is the universal statement, that the regiment
is entitled to consideration as much as those in prospect.

Yours very truly

A. M. Roberts