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**1862-04-24 S.K. Whiting writes General Hodsdon regarding his
musical instrument**

S. K. Whiting

Rockland Apr 24th 1862

Gen. Hodgdon,

Dear Sir,

I was discharged from the Volunteer Service a few weeks since, having been cons-
-inced with the Regimental Band of 4th Maine Reg-

The instruments used by the band were let by the State, and furnished the members of band as their instruments, and no charge or account of them has ever been made by the State. The Quartermaster has no account of them, and has never assumed any control over them as property belonging to either the State or Regiment -

Col. Berry has repeatedly given us to un-
-derstand that they were our instruments, and that when discharged each man was entitled to his instrument.

In accordance with this general un-
-derstanding, when I was removed to the Hospital at Alexandria, my instrument was sent with me, and when discharged, I of course took it home with me, having never received any order to the contrary - it being generally understood that the instruments belonged to the members of the Band respectively. I believe I do not labor under any

Misapprehension with regard to the matter, but
as some have doubted my right to it, and as
I wish to pursue an honorable course with regard
to it, I apply to you as the proper source, from
which to be able understandingly to act in re-
-sponse to the transaction.

The instrument is worth nothing to the State
and of course it would not be practicable to
send it to the Regiment.

I consider it mine, as it was re-
-garded by our Leader and the Col. while in the
service.

I am Yours Very Truly

S. H. Whiting.

G. K. Whiting
Rockland
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