1862-06-06 Charles L. Strickland inquires about recruiting progress

Charles L. Strickland
Belfast, 6th June 1862.

Dear Scardon,

Dr. Sir:

I arrived at this place Wednesday noon. Capt. Bean was away in the country, he returned yesterday to inform me he has driven over 500 miles since left here, has circulated posters all through the county. Men are very scarce now as they are nearly all employed, farming, fishing, etc. There is not a man in this county that can recruit more men, in my opinion that Capt. Bean is a very able man and has a good influence in our state.
But still I am satisfied it will take some time to recruit a company, but one thing is certain I have got some men at work here that will get as many men as are to be had here. Towler is at work + White the latter is son of Jane White. I enlisted him the first time I was here. I also enlisted a man in Whitman but he is at work yet in all have got but ten men. I think write me will lend from his to ten men. I have so arranged matters that shall get all the men in Knox and Waldo County there are to be here. Provided I fail to get eighty three men I suppose I shall fail to be commissioned.
Shall I not? Can't say as can get the number required but can get all the men in these two counties anyone can if they do not number enough to make a company then I shall fail in my attempt towards a company.

Are you of opinion the Regt can be raised in thirty (30) days.
Shall I send any men to Augusta at present?

Respectfully,
Yrs Ob't Lt
Ch. L. Strickland

P.S. Please direct to Rockland.
C.D.S.
C. J. Strickland
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June 6, 1882

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