

Adjt Qr. 5th Me Regt
Fort Lyon. near Alex. Oct 3-1861
Friend Harris.

Sir

You will remember that
I promised to do something for
you in the 5th. if possible, but
I have not had an opportunity
until the present to write to you.

I now at the request
of Col Jackson, make the
following proposition. Viz. If
you will raise twenty men which
you can easily do. take them
to the recruiting officer, and
have them together with yourself
enlisted, and bring them on.
you shall have at least, a
2d Lieutenant, & if not better.

By enlisting there you

will save your traveling expensis,
which otherwise you would have
to pay yourself. after you get
here you will be commissioned.
However if you prefer to pay
your own expensis and not enlist,
you can do so.

The Regt is in a good
condition and fast improving.
they are uniformed in blue, with
new hats.

We have drawn new tents
and are now in good condition
for a winter campaign.

We are discharging the
old and sick and filling up
with new and better men.

If you conclude to accept
the proposition, go to work at
once and raise your men, also
write and let me know if you
accept or not.

hoping to hear from you
soon. and of your acceptance.

I remain

Yours respectfully

Geo W. Braffam
Adj. 5th Me Regt

To Alberton P. Harris Esq
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P.S. Answer at once.

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