

I Ephraim K. Smart of Pembroke in the county of
Washington and State of Maine on oath declare &
say that I was authorized by the Adj. Gen. of Maine
to recruit for Maine Regt. from & after the 15th day
of February last. That on the 20th of same month,
I called upon E. H. Balkham Esq. of Robbinston who was
the agent & recruiting officer of that town & enquired if
the quotas of that town for Oct. & Feb. calls were
full. He replied that they were & two men over,
if all those enlisted passed. I then asked him if
there would be any objection to my getting recruits
there for Pembroke quotas. He said there would
not. I asked him to recruit for Pembroke and offered
him 15¢ a head for all recruits obtained by him.
He said I might have a free run there, and that
he would enlist all he could for our town, & that,
if all his recruits passed, he would put two of
them to the credit of Pembroke. He requested me
to ~~to~~ post up my notices in his town & write at
the bottom of each "Apply to E. H. Balkham Esq."
I did so. Afterwards Gibbs F. Libby Esq. of that
town offered to obtain recruits there for me. I
employed him to do so. He brought to me on the
29th of Feb. Benj. S. Aft with papers filled & signed
those papers being informal, I made others & enlisted
him on that day & with these papers I took him

to the Rendezvous at Augusta & he was mustered
into 31st Regt. on the 5th of March last & on the seventh
was mustered into Co. B. of that Regt., all in my
presence & the surgeon & mustering officer signed
the certificates on the same papers. Afterwards on
the 7th of March I informed the Adj. Gen. of these
facts when he replied that that was all
that was necessary for all of my purposes.

I left Augusta on the following day -

E. K. Smart.

State of Maine,

Washington St }

Apr. 8, 1864. Then
personally appeared Ephraim K. Smart,
above named & signed & took oath to the
truth of the foregoing affidavit, before me

L L Wadsworth Jr
Justice of the Peace