

Orono May 22 1865

Dear General,

I have your note of the 21st, this morning -

I have not in my possession the law of Congress, under which the 100th bounty is authorized to be paid, & therefore can not prepare to make the argument you suggest -

I suppose the bounty must depend upon the terms of the law - It may admit, or exclude, the payment.

If the law clearly implies, or states, two years service - this term must be made out - & it can only be done by taking their ^{of the men} first service & their last - The men enlisted in sept. for two years & when they returned home in Aug^r did not re-enlist - why not? simply because they were already holden for two years service. Now, as they have actually served two years, altho twice mustered, it would seem as if they were as much entitled ^{to bounty} as if they had been mustered at first for two years - as they expected & were

willing to have been - He got made the blunder
in mustering at first for 3 Mos, instead of for
2 years the term of enlistment, or we
always intended -

It here, General, is another instance of
a blotch by not following our superior
wisdom!

all the men who have actually served for the
original enlistment is apt a story (Ht), whether
in the 1st or 10th Regt, ought to have the
bonus - & will unless the law is so drawn
as clearly to exclude them -

Have you made the definite Commission
for Charles Leonard? -

Yours truly,

I. Washburn

Genl. L. Holden

Daniel Washburn, Jr.
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