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1st Maine Heavy Artillery

Adjutant General Correspondence

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1864-04-22 Major R.B. Shepherd inquires about raising a regiment of 1800 men

R. B. Shepherd

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Answer

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Fort Sumner. Md. Apr. 22^d 1864.
Genl. J. L. Hodgdon. }
Adj't. Genl of Maine }

Sir:

I take the liberty of calling your attention to a recent order from the War Dept. whereby, liberty is granted, to raise in any State, a Regiment of Heavy Artillery of the maximum number (1800), provided it can be done in 60 days: for the purpose of asking a few questions.

As Heavy Artillery is a favorite branch of the service would not the raising of such a Regiment in Maine materially assist in filling her Quota under the last Call? not needed

Can such a Regiment be raised in the time allowed, and if not, is it not probable that an extension might be obtained? doubtful

Should the scheme be deemed practicable I can probably obtain permission to visit Maine for the purpose of assisting in raising such a Regiment.

Please answer at your earliest opportunity.

Very Respectfully;

Yours Obedt. Serv't.

R. B. Shepherd.

Maj. P. Me. Heavy Artillery.