



Head Quarters 5th Reg. U. S. A.
Camp Noble Portland
June 2 1861

My Dear Sir:

Your telegram came to me this day
& I immediately ordered two hundred & ten guns
made ready for the boxes which should be fur-
nished by the Arsenal Newport. Some few small
bills will be incurred which I shall charge the
State.

We are moving on finely and in a short
time shall have a full Regiment. We need
a speedy supply of clothing & all other equip-
ments. The officers of Regiment are calling
for their side-arms.

Five tents will not be sufficient for
a company of one hundred men and
I would earnestly recommend that the ten
tents which have just been completed for
the company officers & which are precisely
like the company tents be taken for the

companies & ten other tents with walls of the
depth of one yard be made for the com-
officers.

This is all we shall ask in the shape of
tents, and this we must have & with the
least delay. We have a good Quarter Master
and he will ~~not~~ save the State much money.

Dr. Noble has given us much aid in
arranging for clothing.

Shall we not have our uniforms
& equipments very soon - The interests of the
Regt. require them immediately.

Three or four companies are nearly
full, I mean they number nearly one
hundred men.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant.

Mark H. Drumell

Col. 5th Reg. Ill. V. Ill.

Gen. John S. Hodson
Augusta, Me.