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Head Quarters 5th Me Regt
Camp Franklin Jan 13th 1861
Hon Israel Washburn Jr

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 14th
inst came safely to hand - The in-
structions given to Lt Col Heath were
as follows - viz - to receive one Company
of 101 men officers & field music -
I was assured by Col Heath that such propo-
sition had been favorably thought of by
you & that I should have the Company
by the 1st of December last or as
soon thereafter as practicable -
I received on December 23^d, 76 men
& a first Lieutenant - & have been anx-
iously expecting the balance of the
men and officers, from that time to
date of this - I have kept vacan-
cies open for the officers since
the proposition was entertained by

you and I am still keeping
those vacancies open (even to the
detriment of the service) in order
to fulfill my contract in the case

— The men who came out under
Brady were assigned to different
Companies & Brady was assigned
to the only 1st Lieutenantcy (vacant) in
the Regiment — The assignment
was made with the advice and un-
der the direction of Gen^l Ivan Rlin
(Commander of Division) —

I hope the Balance of the Co & the
other officers will be sent out as
soon as possible — if they have
been mustered I should be imme-
diately advised of the fact — & it
is very important that they should be
here —

I wish to assure you that
I am not only anxious to fulfill my con-
tract with you in this case, but

to respect and obey your
wishes in every case where I am
left at liberty to do — Will you
please advise me when I
may expect the balance of Com-
pany & officers —

Res^d of your obt Servt
N. T. Jackson

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr
Governor of Maine

P.S. — The Regt have just received the
Springfield Rifle Musket —
N. T. J.