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1862-07-25 Brigadier General Oliver O. Howard writes Governor Washburn about complaints about recovered soldiers not returning to duty

Oliver Otis Howard

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Sends Mr

July 25. 1862

Gov. Washburn

Dear Sir,

I have a great deal of complaint wherever I go that the Government allows so many able bodied men, apparently well to be at home. Would it not be well for each Militia Capt or Orderly Sergt. to report the name of each ^{U.S.} Soldier within his precinct to Major Gardner & through this Capt or Sergt communicate the requirement to report in person to Major Gardner at Augusta? Perhaps a more practicable method can be devised but I feel very anxious that these

Sick men who are able to earn
\$1.50 per day, should either return to
duty or be dropped from the
army rolls. I shall be in Richmond, Va.,
{See Volume} tomorrow afternoon &
in Wiscasset in the evening - Monday
at Wintthrop, Tuesday at Hallowell -
I have engaged myself no further.

Respectfully

V. V. Howard

Brig. Gen. Vols.