

Head Qrs. 16th Me Regt.
Before Petersburg Aug 3/64

To

His Excellency
Saml. Cony
Gov. of Maine
Sir

Seeing that
it is your intention to fill the organizations
now in the field, from our State quota under
the late call for troops, permit to ask of you
to consider favorably the condition of the Sixteenth
Regiment.

By the accompanying report, you will notice
we are deficient some three hundred men to
bring us up to the maximum strength and
as the organization of the Regt. expires August
15th 1865, I would much prefer, if consistent
with the interest of the service, to have the Regt.
filled up with one year troops, having the
date of enlistment approximate the 14th of August
1864. You will also notice that we are now

below the Minimum Strength, desiring you of
filling the vacancies existing in Lieutenants.

In consideration of the above & the part the Regt.
has taken in ^{the} present Campaign, I trust my request
may meet your approbation.

I have the honor

to remain Dear

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos W. Sidden

Co 16th Mevols

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