

This Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

Hon. John L. Hadsden

Sol<sup>l</sup> Gen. of Maine

At the request of Capt. John Lindsay of this place I write - Capt. Lindsay was elected Lieut in the Artillery several years ago. I think when that company was organized. At the breaking out of the war he volunteered with the members of the company and went to Bangor and was on considerable expence. A short time before the commencement of the war he was raised by vote of the Artillery from 4<sup>th</sup> Lt to 3<sup>d</sup> Lt or from 3<sup>d</sup> to 2<sup>d</sup> - I think - but did not get.

a commission. He went  
to Bangor with the co. on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May '61 - and  
was there informed that  
but two Lieutenants would  
be allowed to go with the  
co - and he concluded  
to resign and come home  
and my son L<sup>t</sup> S. R. Pittsford  
who was a L<sup>t</sup> Elect. in the Militia  
was elected to go into the  
new organization and  
took the place at first  
expected to be occupied by  
Capt. Lindsay (I say Capt. S.  
because he has recently  
been elected to that office  
in the Militia though I am  
not informed that he has  
been Commissioned.)

When the call was  
made for more troops  
Mr. Jefferds sent him

enlisting papers and he  
was quite energetic in  
obtaining Volunteers and  
was very anxious to enter  
provided he could receive  
the Lieutenancy. But not  
being assured of this he  
is now at home but an-  
xious to try the Army.  
Yesterday he heard of the  
call for 9000 troops and  
called on me with the  
request that I write you  
and endeavour to learn  
at the earliest possible  
moment - if any of these  
troops are to be volunteered -  
and <sup>or that</sup> all are to be drafted  
He wishes to know if the  
Companies will have the  
privilege of electing their Off-  
icers - and what recommen-  
-ation would be required to -

seem to him a Commission  
of Lt in one of the companies  
Will you have the goodness  
to write him - or to me - on  
the subject -

Dear Sir at the first call  
for Volunteers the  
people of influence, <sup>in the town</sup> took a  
great interest in the encourage-  
ment of Volunteering - By that  
means a large number in  
proportion to the population of  
this place were enlisted - Much  
larger than in any town in the  
vicinity of not within the State  
out of a population of 959 - I went  
off with the first troops or soon  
after viz 46 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt

8 " " 8 "

2 " " 7 "

3 " " 11 "

1 " " 14 "

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" Cavalry as appears by  
by your printed report

How many enlisted from the raising of the Cavalry to the recent volunteering I do not know but am told several and ten or more are now at Bangor in hopes of going into the 18th Regt with Capt. Jeffers of Dixcroft and we know of several who should hail from Milo who were temporarily from the job as laborers and enlisted as belonging to other jobs - Several in Massachusetts -

We think to make a draft for the next 300,000 and base it on the population or on the enrollment of the un-uniformed Militia without taking into consideration the men now in the field would not be just and equal - In fact this town is nearly

drained of men fit for milita-  
-ry duty - while in other  
towns where the influential  
people have discouraged  
Volunteering and been opposed  
to the defence of our coun-  
-try - Very few soldiers have  
gone

We think the number required  
should be added to the number  
now in the field and the  
proportion made - giving  
to each town credit for  
those gone

Excuse my haste as the  
mail is momentarily  
expected to leave

Yours &c

Russell Pittsedy

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Miss  
August 6 1862

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