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1863-11-26 William Harthorn wishes to reenlist in a Veteran Volunteer Battery

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Honored Sir:

Wishing to reenlist for the war I applied to Capt. Foster, Chief of Staff at this 1st. 2nd. for information, how I should proceed to enter the veteran volunteer Battery, now forming in our State. He not being himself informed, applied to Maj. Gen. Briney who returned answer that he had only authority to receive reenlistments in his own Division, and that if I wished to enter this Battery, I must write to you, telling you how I am situated, to and get papers from you, so that I can go to Augusta to reenlist. This is why I now intrude upon your time. I am a private in Co. E 4th. Me Rgt. Enlisted June 6th, 1861. I have been in the U.S. service almost two and a half years, and have only about six months to serve. Almost seventeen months ago I was detailed as Provost Guard at these 2nd. 2nd. and have been here ever since—five months as Provost Clerk, and the past six months as acting Commissary Sergeant. I shall not reenlist in infantry, and intend to go into Artillery, if possible, so as to secure the liberal bounties now offered. Prefer to enter a Main
Battery, but if this is denied me I may enlist in Battery E. 6th R.F. (Capt. Randolph's). There are two others, who desire me to ask you, if you can also grant them permission to enter the same Battery, we wish to go together. They belong to the 17th Me. Rgt. and have been in the service almost sixteen months. Mr. Budge & C.W. Pearcy. I doubt there are a good many more I could get to enter the Battery or Cavalry, if you grant me permission to get them and will allow us to reenlist. By a recent order of the Secretary of War, all who reenlist are entitled to a furlough of 30 days. We wish ours to be to spend the Holidays at home, also the 5th of Jan. I pledge my word and honor, if you will send me the papers necessary, to go to Augusta to reenlist. I will reenlist in the 6th Battery for three years. Hoping the U.S. will need the troops only this season I remain as ever.

Yours for the whole Union

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9th 2nd Birney's Division

Washington, D.C.

To Hon. J.D. Hodgdon
A.C. of the State of Maine,

Augusta, Me.
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Beale Station
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