

295  
and.

Adjutant's Office 2<sup>d</sup> Maine  
Camp at Washburn Station  
Dec. 12 1863

John L. Hodgdon,  
Adjutant Genl. State of Maine:  
General,

I am  
very frequently asked by mem-  
bers of this Regt. desiring  
to enlist, if they could do  
so here and have a discharge  
- Will you do me the favor  
to inform me if men whose  
terms of enlistment are about  
expired and who wish to  
re-enlist can do so here and  
what officers are allowed to  
re-enlist volunteers!  
Can men whose terms of  
enlistment do not expire till

1865, rec'd for three years from  
present date - and receive the  
Surlough and Counties that there  
do where times are about  
expired?

Could this Regt. - should it re-  
enlist for three years from  
this year - return to the State  
for 30 days and recruit?

I have the honor, to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>.

H. J. Melcher  
Lt. & act. Capt.

20<sup>th</sup> Regt. Maine Vol.