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Marblehead June 16<sup>th</sup> 1845  
Adjutant Gen of State of Mass  
Dear Sir

Can you inform me  
if Thomas Purcell of the 8<sup>th</sup> Mass  
Regt. has ever been reported as  
Absent or Presumpt of War?

By answering this you will  
confer a favor on the family

Yours truly  
J H Mass  
of the Selectmen of  
Marblehead  
Mass.

F. H. Morse  
Marlboro Mass.  
June 16 '65

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