

Camp of 5th Regt Maine Vols
April 13th 1864

Adj. Genl Sir

I take pen in hand at this time for the important purpose of knowing whether if a man enlist or not, could he be transferred, to some some one of the military posts in his native State. for if so be, I have an idea that I enlist on that condition as I have ^{been} nearly three years in the front and yet I do not feel satisfied with what I have done.

If cannot be transferred in the above manner. I have an idea that I shall enlist after this term is out in the manner above, ~~the~~ mentioned.

Perhaps I shall leave out some important point which I ought to mention for fear of which I will tell you that like a good soldier and true man in any stage of life I am determined in that which my ^{hand} findeth to do.

It is needless to say any more in this letter. I shall not serve in front any more than this term.

Your loyal citizen or patriotic
soldier and ob^t servant

J. W. Adams.

John S. Hayden Adj. Gen. He

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