

Aw^dPalmyra, Nov 7th 1862

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There has been twenty eight of our towns men that were enlisted by our orderly sergeants already mustered into the United States service & have rec^d their town bounty & in addition to those there are three others [to wit] Nelson A Davis, Calvin F Bickford & Stephen Hilton Jr who enlisted & passed the examination by the examining surgeon appointed for that purpose. Davis & Bickford went to Bangor with the Company & the United States Surgeon in his examination rejected Bickford, but we understand that the examination by the surgeon appointed by the Governor is all that the government required, consequently we expected him to count for one of our quota – Davis came home on a furlow from his Capt & while at home broke his leg & is not yet able to report himself as a soldier. We also expected him to count for us as one of our quota. We also expect Hilton to count for one of our quota & we wish you to inform us by what authority if any he can be compelled to report himself at the place of rendezvous.

The other two that we expect to hold who would complete our quota is Franklin J White and John L McLuer. White is in the nine months quota of Pittsfield & McLuer in the nine months quota of Bangor. They are both minors their parents have resided in this town for many years & their names are on our company rolls as you can easily ascertain. We claim White & McLuer by virtue of you order of August 23rd 1862. We wish to respond cheerfully to all demands made upon us for soldiers in this trying day but the war is thinning off our young men at such a fearful rate that we wish for all to count for us that in right & justice should count.

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