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Augusta, }
July, 26. 1862.

Hon. Israel Washburn Jr
Governor of Maine.

Sir: Several individuals
from Gardiner have represented
to me at different times
that there was a prejudice
existing in that City against
Mr Atwood which deterred
men from enlisting.
Knowing that Mayor Woods
was taking a lively interest
in the matter of enlistments
and was also a friend
to Lieut Atwood, I wrote
him yesterday, asking what
the state of feeling was,
& if enlistments would
go on more rapidly

under other circumstances.

His reply, with his permission,
I send with this.

Last evening I met Major
Ewoods at a meeting of the
Citizens of that place & asked
him if the prejudice would
not in a day or two be
removed. He replied to
me that altho' he had the
highest Confidence in Mr
Alwoods ability to acquit
himself well as an Officer,
& altho' the prejudice had
little foundation, it was
increasing rather than
diminishing. He also stated
that he tho't their quota
could not be filled under
present circumstances, &
asked me to lay the case
before you.

It is my desire & earnest
effort to perform the duty
you have assigned me -
namely to fill the Company.

From the disposition which
has been made of other
towns in the County, it
will be expected that we
should draw largely upon
Gardiner for soldiers.

I regret the hindrance and
apure you that I perform
this delicate task without
prejudice to any.

I am Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant
Chas. Hutchins

Capt. Hutchins.
16th Regt.
July 26.

H. Atwood's case,