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W. A. S. Wildes -

My Dear Sir

Undoubtedly you would like to have a report from me in regard to the company assigned to me to raise in this county. Would that I could say that it was full.

I have made a begining here & shall probably have this towns quota by the middle of the week; have also made a commencement in Penobscot & Bluehill,

Intend going to Brooklin & Sedgwick tomorrow & am in hopes by the last of the week to make a favorable report.

I am inclined to think that it will be impossible to get the full quota from Brooksville & Deer Isle without resorting to Draft & I for one would like to see it done in these two places if nowhere. In all the Sea-board towns about

Here, the majority of the young men
are absent & those at home are either
engaged in haying or have not energy
sufficient to serve their Country. It is,
as I expected, a pretty hard field to
raise a company in. I find that there
are recruiting Officers, in all of the
towns about here, some are enlisting for
the 18th & some for other regiments, with
the expectation that they may receive a
Commission by getting twenty five or thirty
men. This is one thing that retards
recruiting for our Regiment in the
towns about here. If I could have
the quota of these this town, Pembert,
Blushie, Brooksville, Brooklin, Seelywick
& a part of Deer Isle, with the ~~privilege~~
of appointing my own officers, it would
very much facilitate the matter, but
where one is expecting a commission,
by working the quota of one town in
with that of another. As is the case
at Brooklin & Seelywick, it has a

tendency to interfere with my operations,
particularly where I think the
man trying for a commission, hardly a
suitable person. Would it not be well
for the Adjutant General to give me control
of these ~~quotas~~ from these towns & then
I think the number might be had at
short notice, provided I could have au-
thority for saying to some of them that
unless the number was raised in a
certain time, a draft would be made.

This course would be likely to bring them
forward when others would not. They
would see at once that their chance
for getting clear of a draft was
small & it would be far better to
volunteer & receive the bounty than
to wait for a draft. Please
write me what the Genl. & Adj. General
think of the above course. We want
the men & must have them by some means.
In haste your Obedt. Servt.
Byrnes to Major Farnham. Tho. D. Pitelen

Leut. Col. Alden.

16th Regt.

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