

ENDORSEMENT FROM RUSSELL

North Yarmouth Feby. 24th 1817

Col. Perley

Sir,

I have examined the petition from the Baldwin Company and feel satisfied that their request ought to be granted.

I recollect their former petition and that it failed on account of their stating the number of the Company to be much larger than the official return. I find by the last inspection roll that Captain Sawyer had 92 rank & file which is very near the number stated in their last petition.

The enclosed petition is informal & inaccurate in many aspects & I have taken the liberty to send you a form to be substituted in its place, with the addition of such other facts & reasons as you may consider of material consequence.

When the new petition is signed & certified by yourself please to return it to me & I will forward it to Head Quarters. The Council will be in session a few days by adjournment next week, but not long enough to act on this petition, their next session will be to examine the returns of votes for Senators; so that should the prayer of the petition be granted, the division will not probably take place until after the May training.

My being absent from town last week prevented an earlier attention to this subject.

With esteem your most obedient servant
Edward Russell