

DRAFT OF PETITION FOR SEPARATION

To his Excellency John Brooks Esquire Governor & Commander in Chief of the Militia of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The petition of the subscribers, Officers and Privates in the Company of Infantry in the town of Baldwin in the 2nd Regiment 1st Brigade & 12th Division, humbly shews: That said town of Baldwin is situated in a mountainous part & at the interior extremity of the County of Cumberland between Sebago pond & Saco river; and the inhabitants so scattered, that when called together in the most central place for company trainings, many of the Soldiers are obliged to travel twelve miles.

Your petitioners therefore pray that said town may be divided into two Companies as follows viz Beginning at Sebago pond so called, at the North East corner of pond lot, No. 85, thence West twenty five degrees South between the lots numbered 19 & 20, in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, & sixth ~~and seventh~~ ranges East to the line between the sixth & seventh ranges East, thence North 25 degrees west between the sixth and seventh ranges East to Hancock pond so called thence down the water communication to Saco river. By the division above proposed there will be in each company about 50 liable to military duty, the present Captain will fall into the South Company & the Lieutenant & Ensign into the North Company. And your petitioners further request that the present officers may be retained in Commission in the Companies, within the bounds of which they respectively reside as in duty bound will ever pray.

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N. S. -- Captain

B. B. -- Lieut.

D. O -- Ensign

R. L.

(more initials below)