

## FINAL 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 first Brigade and 12th Division, humbly shews: That said town of Baldwin is scituated in a mountinous part & at the interior extremity of the County of Cumberland between Saco river and Sebago Pond, 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 so called, at the North East corner of pond lot No. 85, thence South twenty five degrees West between the lots numbered nineteen & twenty in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth ranges East to the line between the sixth and seventh ranges east, thence North twenty five degrees West between the sixth and seventh ranges 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 fifty liable to military duty, few of whom will have to travel more than about six miles to their Company trainings. The present Captain will fall into the South Company and the Lieutenant and 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, and in duty will ever pray.

Baldwin March 1817

Nathan Sawyer Captain  
Lieutenant  
Ensign

William Fitch Jnr  
William Sanborn  
George Fitch