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Fort Melling
November 11th 1828.

Sir

On the 3^d instant thirty six recruits reached here under the Command of Lieut Cook for this command, they have been inspected agreeably to Art. par. 129th General Regulations, and with the exception of one viz. Robert Laine who was enlisted at Newport Ry. by Captain Lewis 3^d Infantry on the 20th August, 1828, were passed by Asst Surgeon Wood. — I am of opinion notwithstanding, that he is fully able to perform all the duties of a Soldier; in consequence of which, and his having been passed by a Surgeon at the time of enlistment I have attached him to Company "A". —

I have also to state that a man by the name of John Courtwright was brought here as one of the above recruits without any descriptive roll whatever. — It appears from a remark on the roll that he is a deserter \$30 having been paid for his apprehension, but from whence he deserted and at what time cannot be ascertained. — He is five feet five inches high, dark complexion, dark Eyes and dark hair & says that he has never been enlisted. It has been reported to me by the Hon Com^d Officer in charge

of the detachment that the person who apprehended him
stated him to have been a deserter from a recruiting party sta-
- several years since - He was sent to this post with
the detachment from Newport Ky. - This is all the
information I am able to obtain of him. - Should there
be no description roll of such a person in your office
I think that he would be entitled to his discharge;
he has been attached to Captain Hitchcock's Company "H"
and will remain with it until I am instructed what
to do with him - I shall accordingly await your decision
upon his case.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully

Your mo. ob. &c.

J. Taylor & Coe
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To the

Adjutant General
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