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Date: Feb. 1864

Description: This letter seeks payment of \$300 from the town of Houlton to compensate Barton for the expense of hiring a substitute for him when he was drafted in the the Union Army.

Whereas at a legal Town Meeting held at Cary's Hall in Houlton on the 17th day of August A.D. 1863, it was voted to pay men drafted under the Conscription Act, who should go themselves, the sum of three hundred dollars each, and was also voted to pay drafted men who should furnish substitutes such sums as they should pay therefore not exceeding three hundred dollars each: and whereas having been drafted and having furnished a substitute to whom I paid the sum of three hundred dollars, I am by the conditions of said vote entitled to said sum of three hundred dollars to be paid me by the Town of Houlton with interest:

Now be it known that in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to me paid by John H. Bradford of said Houlton, I do hereby sell assign and transfer to said Bradford the above named claim against the Town of Houlton and all my right title & interest in & to the same.

Dated at Houlton This third day of Feb'y A.D. 1864

J.L. Barton

Houlton, February 3rd 1864

I hereby certify that the above named J.L. Barton was drafted in July last and furnished an acceptable substitute for which he paid the sum of three Hundred dollars -

W Packard

Feb 15
 1863

For the consideration within named I hereby guarantee the payment
 of the within named claim, ^{of \$300.} against the Town of Houlton in
 default of payment of the same by said Town, and do also
 guarantee the interest on the same from this third day of
 Feb'y 1864 to the time of collection -
 J.L. Barton

Received for
 amount due
 J.L. Barton
 May 24 1864

Houlton May 24 1864
 Received of the Town of Houlton
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 -ment for amount of Bounty due
 J.L. Barton as conscript from
 said town under call of July
 1863
 J.L. Bradford

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