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per head as you promised, the  
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three dollars per head and cash  
down when they enlisted, but we  
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we gave the list of names that we  
sent to your office enlist, he will  
show it to you in Lowell, Mr Jose  
said he would speak to you about it but  
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Description: J.M. and C.R. Knapp wrote to Col. George F. Shepley of the  
12th Maine Regiment seeking pay for recruiting sailors for him.