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Description: George F. Shepley wrote to Israel Washburn to report that he expected the new 12th Maine Regiment to be filled soon "with the very best men in the State."

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the same hearty cooperation you have
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