

that they may not go down  
unexpectantly soon —  
also to Carter — to whom I  
have written by this mail,  
but before I confided with  
Agnew — Very truly  
A. Gillman

Capt —

J. Spauld

H. A. Gillman  
Beacon Island

Camp Washington

May 13<sup>th</sup> 861.

My dear Sir —

I understand as you  
today that are company  
from your place and are from  
Hyde are advised to Beacon Island.  
My company is also advised there  
I shall be glad to have such  
companions as you & your  
Command will be —  
Capt. Agnew - Asst. Engineer  
at Beacon Island is now here  
and says that no troops need  
go down until Col: Morris  
send after them - He has  
two Steamers, chartered to  
transport troops - The labors,  
materials & provisions will not  
be in place till the last of  
the week - and the fish of next



week is time enough for  
any of us to go -  
The Company from Edinburgh  
will go down next week -  
My order directs me to take  
my Company to Bracon Island,  
and if the building and  
cisterns are not in good  
condition, then to quarter  
it at the Marine Hospital  
at Portsmouth etc -  
I presume there must be ex-  
tensive repairs upon the build-  
ing on Bracon Island to  
make them comfortable -  
There will not be accommo-  
dation there for 400 men and  
we must have tents - You  
had better order them for  
your Company - I have  
done so - Agnew will  
write to all of us when our  
presence will be required -

You will have to take down  
every thing for your own  
subsistence - I have purchased  
about fifteen thousand pounds  
of bacon, pork lard &  
50 barrels of hard shavings -  
butter, rice flour &c in abun-  
dance - and shall lay in  
lots of fishing tackle -  
If you go down before I do  
select for the Bracon boys  
quarters near the Hospital,  
to which I am specially ap-  
pointed - Write home on Wed-  
nesday what you are doing -  
I have my boys now in camp  
2 miles above Plymouth - a  
choice place - I have 80 in the  
ranks - I could double the  
number but do not wish  
more - Make these facts in  
relation to our going down  
known to the Army Company