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**ARMY RENDEZVOUS,
BANGOR, Me., Sept 29, 1847.**

\$90 REWARD!

DESERTED from the United States Army
Rendezvous in this city, the following named
individuals, to wit:—

1. JOSEPH PERKINS, aged 32 years, blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion,—is 5 feet, 11 inches high, and by occupation a farmer. Residence in Cornville, Me. Deserted Sept. 11, 1847—is supposed to be near his residence.

2. JOHN TARDÉE, aged 32 years, blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion—is 5 feet 4 inches high, and by occupation a laborer. Said Tardée was born in Quebec, and is of French extraction—supposed to be near Hallowden, Me. Deserted Sept. 25, 1847.

3. BENJAMIN PARKER, aged 35 years, blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion—is 5 feet 9 inches high, and was born in Ireland. Deserted Sept. 26, 1847. Has been on board a man-of-war, and is supposed to have shipped on board some vessel in the river.

The above reward will be paid on the apprehension and delivery to me of the above named individuals—or \$30 for each.

G. W. PATTEN, Capt.
2d Reg't Infantry, Commanding.

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