

THREE CENTS.

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Gov. Andrew addressed the Company in a brief speech of welcome, saying that he was proud that they were to be enrolled with our own contingent and that their names were to be recorded upon the same rolls that bore the dear names of Massachusetts men. But, he continued, no longer any more of Massachusetts, of New York, of Illinois, of Missouri, of Texas, of California, do we think or remember when a common hope, a common pride, a common joy, and an interest common to us all stands imperiled. That flag is the symbol by which we all swear; it is the standard which our fathers erected; it is the flag for which every good citizen will even dare to die. [Applause.] The offer of a battalion of your friends and neighbors of California was proudly accepted, so far as it lay in my own power officially to do so. This morning, from Washington, I have the authority which I hesitate not to act upon without delay. I dare say the winged messenger has ere now flitted over the wires, and I trust that in San Francisco it is already known that this battalion will be counted a part of the Massachusetts contingent, and I also venture to declare that the message will find the California Company beneath the dome of the Capitol of Massachusetts. [Cheers.] He then spoke of the vicissitudes of the war and said that we were prepared for a storm as long as it might please God to allow it to last. He again expressed his pleasure in receiving the soldiers and expressed his confidence that they would be faithful to the cause, and would, if need be, baptize the flag under which they fought with the last drop of their heart's best blood.

The procession then marched to Faneuil Hall where a bountiful collation had been prepared for them as guests of the city. They afterwards went through a drill under command of Capt. Reed and were reviewed by Mayor Lincoln, Major Wilder, and Adjutant-General Schouler. Addresses of welcome were then made by Adjutant-Gen. Schouler, Hon. D. C. McCluer of San Francisco, Major Wilder and ex-Mayor Wightman. The Company was then escorted to the station and returned to Readville. The whole celebration was highly interesting and satisfactory, and must have convinced the Californians of the cordial good feeling which exists towards them in this State.

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