

Phillips June 23. 1864

Hon. Sanb. Cong.

Dear Sir:

You will
recollect that I had several
conversations with you last
winter relative to the promo-
tion of Capt. David Marston
of Co. C. 16th Me. Regt. - gave you
many particulars &c. Then
seemed to be no opening in
his Regt. at that time, & I
had thoughts of resigning - his
Lieut. had been in the same
position some time, & I thought
they ought to have an opportunity
for promotion, & too, that when
Capt. Leavitt was promoted
to Maj. by Gov. Coburn, that I
was not treated properly -

but you wished ^{me} to say to
him, "to hold on & when an
opportunity offered you would
do something for him". I did
so, & he did "hold on", & has done
a great deal of hard & efficient
service since ~~since~~. He has
been in the service nearly
thirteen years - has served his
country faithfully - undergone
much fatigue & hardship - with
efficiency & courage - He had
the command of his Regt.
during the latter part of the
battle at Gettysburg, & evinced
much skill, ability & courage.
I might go on & name many
instances of his courage and
ability as commander, but
will not extend or trouble
you further on this point.
During the many battles under

Gen. Grant, of late, he has
borne a conspicuous ~~part~~
& arduous part, & now, that
there is an opportunity of
giving him the position
of Maj., I do hope you will
consider it for the interest
of the cause to place him,
forthwith, in that position.
You have many recom-
mendations of his fitness,
on file, & you can have
many more if you desire
them. You will please
excuse the length of this
letter, also the earnestness
I may have manifested
for I am fully satisfied
that injustice has been done
Capt. Marston, & now there
is an opportunity of rectify-
ing it, in part. - Yours truly
W. H. Lonsdale

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