

Belfast Nov. 7th 1863.

Governor Colburn

Dear Sir,

I hope, if the same may be consistent with the good of the Regt., that you will not fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Major Whitecomb of the 4th Maine, till the exchange of Capt. George G. Davis of Co. *F* of said Regt. ^{occurs.} Then I hope he may be promoted. Capt. D. has been through the battles in which the Maine 4th has been engaged, with one exception, from the beginning of the war. I learn from every one of his fellow soldiers who have been here that he is a brave & very efficient officer, and I know that his devotion to duty has been such that he has only once been home, & then he was there to recruit from illness occasioned by very severe wounds received at the battle of Fredericksburg. It is the universal sentiment here that he should be promoted.

Very truly yours

A. S. Milliken

City of Waldo

Res. Capt. Davis
May 4th 1864

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