

Portland Nov. 13. 1863

Hon Abner Coburn

Dear Sir;

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 11th inst. I know that your understanding what appointments will be best very much better than any one else. I would not have Capt. Davis promoted, if I could, against your judgment.

And yet it is a little hard if bravery and hard service can operate to prevent promotion. He was severely wounded at Fredericksburg, having an arm shattered, and a ball through the leg. He had a furlough in consequence, of sixty days. He

went back with a stiff arm,
the elbow joint being lost; and
the wound in his leg broke
out again after he joined
the regiment. But he
went into the fight at
Gettysburg, and in consequence
of being detailed for some
special service, was taken
prisoner, with a part of his
company.

I see that Col. Walker
has resigned. It would seem to
me that being a prisoner
ought not to destroy all chance
of promotion. But I am
perfectly aware that I have
no practical knowledge of what
is right, or best, such as in
your position. With much respect
I am very Respy Yours
Woodbury Davis