1863-11-13 Woodbury Davis writes Governor Coburn regarding Captain Davis and Colonel Walker

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To Mr. Abraham

Sir,

I am obliged

to you for your letter of the 14th inst. I know that you understand that appointments will be best very much better than anyone else. I would not have Captain Davis promoted, if I could, against your judgment.

And yet it is a little hard of 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, and am in your position. With much respect,

I am very truly yours,

Woodbury Davis