

Rockland N.H. 11th 1863

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Dear Sir

I have enclosed  
a copy of a letter from my son at Libby  
Prison Richmond Va. and if you will take  
the trouble to see if there is any foundation  
for the rumor & whether Gov Coburn would likely  
Commission any officer in the 4th Maine that  
was not entitled to the position by his rank  
& let me know at your earliest opportunity you  
will much oblige. if the Gov should be inclined  
to Commission a junior officer ask him to wait a  
few days & I will send the names of my friends in  
favor of the senior officers which is Capt Davis  
first - my son J. B. Lightfoot next, Hoping there  
may be no injustice done Capt Davis or my son  
because they are unfortunately held as prisoners, &  
having no doubt that you will set this matter  
right before the Governor and that Commissions  
may be given according to rank where the officers  
are capable as there is no doubt of the capacity of Davis  
or my son hope they may receive the promotions in the



4th Maine now vacant for Major. Col Walker  
has resigned & should Lieut Col Carver be promoted  
to the Colony there will be two Vacancies in the  
4th & my son would be entitled to the Major position  
& you will do him & me a great favour please  
this matter right before the Governor & must oblige

Yours truly B. L. Whitford Jr