

Rockland Nov 21th 1863

His Excellency Governor of the State of Maine

Dear Sir

My writing you at this time is to inform you that my son Julius B Littlefield is now held as prisoner of war at Libby prison - Richmond VA, as also is Capt Davis both of the 4th Maine Regt, the Major of that Regt died a few weeks ago from wounds received at the battle of Gettisbury the same battle where my son was captured & has since been suffering at Richmond & a few days ago I saw the resignation of Col Walker of the 4th which makes two vacancies & I have very recently heard that the junior Capts Gray & Libby were soliciting the promotions to these vacancies with the assistance also of their friends, now I pray that you will promote the Capts whom rank entitles them to the position as honor justice & impartiality demand that our brave soldiers be protected & their rank respected, I understand from my son that Capt Davis is the ranking Capt of the 4th Regt & that he ranks next to Capt Davis so where there are two promotions to be made my son Capt of Co B would be entitled by rank to the position

next to Capt Davis & I pray that you will in justice
to their respective ranks promote Capt Davis & my
son for they should suffer no deprivation from being
held as prisoners at Richmond & hoping that our Govt
will soon effect their exchange & they be again in the
field ready to do their duty as brave soldiers for their
Country, as it regards my son he has been well ever
since he has been connected with the Regt & followed its
fortunes suffered its hardships & participated in all the
battles that it has been engaged in, has been wounded
three times at Malvern Hills in the arm & Chantilly
in the leg & Fredericksburg in the side.

I will say that I believe that you as Governor will do
justice in this case & promote those senior Capt Davis
& my son to those vacancies, I want nothing for my son
but what he merits & is justly entitled to by rank
& I humbly pray that you will grant the prayer of your

Obt Servt

yours Respectfully

Benj Litchfield jr

Recd. fr Capt
Sethfield May 4th 1864

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the purchase of a pair of boots for the use of the 1st Regt. of Cavalry. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same have been ordered and will be forwarded to you as soon as they are ready. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. [Name]