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Washington. D.C.

Hon. Abner Coburn.

Governor of the State of Maine.

Sir.

Let me
say a word to you in behalf of
Capt. Julius Litchfield — and
Capt. Davis now prisoners in Richmond.

I understand that ~~Capt.~~ Col. Walker
of the 4th Maine has resigned, and
that he recommends that Capt. Gray
be appointed Major.

Both Davis & Litchfield, as I understand,
outrank Gray. By the resignation
of Col. Walker and the death of
Major Whitcomb, there are then two
vacancies to one of which, as it seems
to me Capt. Litchfield should be
appointed, — and Capt. Davis should
fill the other. They have shown
themselves to be gallant and efficient

officers, and would unquestionably
well perform the duties revolving
upon them in a higher and more
responsible position; and, certainly, they
should suffer no detriment from the
fact that they are now prisoners in
Richmond. I feel a deep interest in
this matter - especially in the case of
young Litchfield whom I know to be
a most worthy young man - and his
father to be as good a Republican and
as loyal a citizen to this Government as
lives. I feel that your Excellency
will see that no injustice is done
these brave officers, and, it seems to
me injustice would be done them, should
their claims be set aside in consequence
of their inability to speak for themselves.
With all the facts before you - I
have no doubt you will act wisely
and I am sure, I shall be as sorry to
be, satisfied with your decision.

I am yrs truly
Saml C. Henderson.