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Hosp Hospital 1<sup>st</sup> Div 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl  
May 30. 1863.

To  
Hon Abner Coburn,

Gov. of the State of Maine.

Sir.

In justice  
to a worthy and efficient man, I embrace  
the last opportunity I shall have, before leaving  
my present position, for a new sphere of ser-  
vice, to speak of the qualities as I have  
found them of J. P. Watson last Surg. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt  
Maine Vols. During the time the Dr. has  
been associated with me, he has ever been  
prompt, kind and efficient in the per-  
formance of his duties. A Moral Man,  
a Good Physician, a Skillful & Skilful  
Surgeon, I know of none more worthy  
a promotion, and in my opinion the  
Service itself would be subserved by his  
being made a recipient of the Sum-  
-mation an Man of his sterling qual

it is so much needed as in the field,  
and unfortunately we possess too many  
that lack this.

I have the honor to be  
Respectfully Your Obedt. Servt.  
George Ledy. Surg.  
In Charge Hospital.

P.S. Dr. Watson has been operating or  
assisting in operations almost constantly  
here since the 7<sup>th</sup> of May

May 30. 1863.

Wm. S. Ledy's Book

Dr Letz

May 30. 1865

Recd Asst Surg. J. D. Watson  
3<sup>d</sup> Regt.  
for Promotion.