

Milton Mass. July 17 1863

To his Excellency

Gov. Coburn.

Will your Excellency give me a few minutes audience in behalf of a young man a late pupil of mine.

D. W. Hardy M.D. is drafted in Milton Me.

In the early part of the war he enlisted in the 1st Me. Cavalry but was rejected on account of hepatization of one lung.

Having spent some time in the study of medicine - being very desirous to serve the country - he came here. I urged him to for himself to be assistant Surg. in the Army.

He entered heartily into the plan & ever since has been a hard student - attending lectures in Pittsfield last fall & graduating recently at Bowdoin Coll. of which coll. he was formerly member.

Immediately after graduating he
applied to Surg. Gen. Farclon & I under-
stand a favorable notice of him has been
placed in your hands.

But for his desire to enter the service
from his native state he would have
been before this, in the Mass. I which place
was open for him when his fellow student
Dr. Pickard entered the Mass. is -

While waiting for an appointment
in the Reg. he is drafted.

He has embarked his all in this great
effort - If he goes into the ranks his long
cherished hope will be crushed just at
the very moment when he thought it
was about to be realized - While as
assistant Surg. he would be exceedingly
valuable to the army.

Now cannot your Excellency give this young
man a place? If not now, can you not
hold him in expectation of a place? or

send him where he will do the better
service to which he has so long looked
forward & for which he is so well
fitted by nature, education & morals.

Very Respectfully
Your friend
Harris Bowdler

Acton.. Mass.

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Recommends to Hardy for
Surgeon Mr. Vols.

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Recd Dr. Hardy for
Sur. Drury.

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David Lowmery