

Mary Walker to James Hardie

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Col. Hardie

Dear Sir-

I am sure you will not refuse the favor I am about to ask – ie, that you take this in person to the President, without delay and get the confirmation of my rank of Major.

I told the President of the risks I encountered in being taken prisoner [*inserted: on purpose*] and preventing their attacking our army when we were hardly able to act “on the defensive” that I found them on general review and learned the fact of such an immediate intention & that I so fully followed my instructions what to say about our western army, that success crowned our [2] efforts when we were ready, and recently my statements to Gen. Grant in relation to their moves if he continued operations around Petersburg—to say nothing about the thousand other matters.

Think of Sheridans success & remember that I suffered so willingly for months, & do not hesitate to grant the favor & after getting the Presidents confirmation, Please send it to me at Oswego N.Y.

I have been working vigorously for the Administration ever since I left W. & am now waiting for a leave to go Oneida Co & the Copperhead regions of Oswego & work until after election.

Most respectfully

Yours in haste

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