I am sustained by every officer in the regt, but Bell; & by every man in his company, from which there have been more desertions than any other.

You will readily understand that it is more important for me to stand well with the regt. than with the whole family of Throops - hence my reiterated injunction of secrecy in regard to this letter, as far as it appertains to the nomination for Major.

Please don't fail to see the Govr. about my promotion. Get a letter asking the Secty. of War to appoint me Brigadier; or if that's impossible the strongest you can. Lose no time, you can avoid. I have military testimonials enough from Generals &c I want yours & the Governor's - they will be from home & have a semi political influence aside from the military.

I regret I did not get your letter some days earlier. Reply!

Yours, body & soul,
S. K. Foote