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Camp 10th Ind Vol Cavalry
Big Black River Miss

June 14, 1865-

My Dear Father

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I want to see Geo very much and would like to have come and make us a visit after he is discharged -

There is two positions vacant now that Col Swallow tells me he will give him if he should return one is Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant and the other Hospital Steward both on the Non-Commissioned Staff but I would rather see him discharged than to have either of them but if he does not succeed in getting a discharge let me know at once

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now Lt Col W - wishes to be remembered to you -

Yours aff Sam

James B. Safford
Sgt Major 10th Inf Cav

Via Cairo Ill

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[[embossing print of a Court House]]

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Your Off son

James B. Safford
Sgt Major 10th Ind Cav
Via Cairo
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