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Camp 10th Sad bol Caralry By Black River mis June 14. 1865-My Dear Father I received your letter of may 28. 1865 Gesterday also one written from North Madison mailed may 21. I don't some why it is but our mail does not come to as it should We certainly have a large lat of mail yet behind. Last night we received an order from may Dum mustime officer and Indianapolis to forward the final Papers of George, Romes Prindle & Job Francuell we ant this to him this merring so I suppose before this will reach you he will be a citizen I hope to at least. I want to see See very much and would like to have Rome and make lis a visit after he is discharged -Three is two positions bacant now that Col Quallow tells me he will give him if he should return one is Reyimental Queerter master Sergeant and the other Hispitail Steward both on the Bon- Commission Staff but I would rather per him discharged Thank to have either of them but if he does not Ruceed in getting a discharge let me know at once

Do a Pasition Can be pared for him - Our new Col is a Gud one and I am well pleased with him he was major when you was here - I believe I told you lapts James & Thitchell were bosh reccommended for Majors That will make Snortd Dept Cost. I am laking Every day for a Commission as Adjutant the lod has sent for it he has commession It Whitiench The adjet Captain of Wit (Capt James de Co) I was affend my choice Laitenany in Co H or in some other & in The Righ or adjutant I chose the latter as & Thinks it will suit me letter. Baker is 1 Luit in Branhams Ro. I think the Col will make Smitha 1 Leich in St. as he don't like the 2 - Luit Eccles and pays he will not formate him our company is turning out commission Spin by the Wholesale now we will have made more Then any other Campany in the Regiment -I think it is decided that we will not go to Les as but stay here this Rummed me have lumice over must all of our Horses to the 4this Car as they are under orders to go with Sheridan. I ampled of this for I did not want to go to Lex as this Summer I much raction Stay here - If I recieve my ammission & will want a Uniform and We have a Tarler here in the Ray & I will kind

My measure to S.J. Smith for what I want I want you to fix the Bill with him until we are faid which I hope will out be long now the have 10 months pay due us and me have great need of money don't believe there is \$50 in the Regiment. Genye has pay an him since Jum 30. 1864 to the date I his discharge and Inv Hundred Dallan Bounty due him and by a late order all Prisoners get three months additternal pay - his clothing account since he Enlisted is but \$42,00 and he is Entitled to can allowance of \$3 30 per month for dorthing and where they do not draw the full amount they are smulted to the pay of the Ballance. for Example his Allowance for the 17 months nould and to 59.50. and as he only drew 42 f he would be matched to the 17, 50 he also is mullel to have his rations commuted to him since Dor 14, 1864. at the Rate of 37 Churday - which is quite an item I want to suching get all that is due him there is not half the Soldiers know what they are Entitled to and Musting offices & Bay Masters Sumile them out of half of it - want you to see of he gets what is due him it is north looking offer. wish I was then I coned watch those sharts that are stealing pour Doldier wayes -

I would like to have got horn just as George diet and I moved give any thing in the world to be to day on Itelens place wish you and Surge I Thirts to my self some times what nice times will have When I get back and go and visit Otelen how I will Eat Butter and veges table and drint. milk by the Way This sinthen chinali has made me a great lover of Butto mick It would astonish you to see me denne it I like it in proference to Smeet mills _ I have written you a long letter. This makes the 4th I have written to you king Our amide her, In complain of my out writing orgalar I write to you on an average twice a meeter This to Selen Frenk and all Friends. Will Doon Dre Lewis Captanns. Insta Butur. Smitha and all pund This least to you and Geo- Lell Gu may Williams now Ir Cal W- nishes to be remaind to him -Im aff Som St major 100 car Via Cairo Ill

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[[embossing print of a Court House]]

Camp 10th Ind Vol Cavalry By Black River Miss June 14th 1865

My Dear Father

I ricieved your letter of May 18, 1865 yesterday also one written from North Madison mailed May 21. I don't know why it is but our mail does not come to us as it should We certainly have a large lot of mail yet behind.

Last night we ricieved an order from Maj Dunn mustering officer at Indianapolis to forward the final papers of George. Romes Prindle + Jo Branwell we sent them to him this morning to I suppose before this will reach you he will be a citizen. I hope so at least 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 it he does not suceed in getting a discharge let me know at once

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so a Position can be saved for him – Our new Col is a Good one and I am well pleased with him he was Major when you was here – I believe I told you Capts James + Mitchell were both reccommended for Majors that will make Snark[[?]] Capt Co H. I am taking Every day for a commission as Adjutant the Col has sent for it he has commissioned Lt Whiteworth the Adjt captain of Co "K" (Capt James old Co) I was offered my choice Lieutenancy in Co H or in some other Co in the Regt or adjutant I chose the latter as I think it will suit me better. Baker is 1st Lieut in Branhams Co. I think the Col will make Smitha 1st Lieut in H. As he don't like the 2nd Lieut Eccles and says he will not [[one word]] him our Company is turning out commissioned officers by the wholesale now we will have made more than any other company in the Regiment-

I think it is decided that we will not go to Texas but stay here this summer we have turned over most all of our Horses to the 4th Wis Cav as they are under orders to go with Sheridan . I am glad of this for I did not want to go to Texas this summer I would much rather stay here – If I ricieve my commission I will want a uniform and we have a Tailor here in the Regt I will sized [[Page 3- Letter]]

my measure to S. J. Smith for what I want I want you to fix the Bill with him until we are paid which I hope will not be long now We have 10 months pay due us and we have great need of money I don't believe there is \$50 in the Regiment.

George has pay due him since June 30, 1864 to the date of his discharge and two Hundred Dollars Bounty due him and by a late order all Prisoners get three months additional pay – his clothing account since he Enlisted is but \$42.00 and he is Entitled to an allowance of \$300 per month for clothing and where they do not draw the full amount they are Entitled to the pay of the Balance. For Example his allowance for the 17 months would amt to 59.50 and as he only drew 42\$ he would be Entitled to the 17.50 he also is Entitled to have his rations commuted to him since Dec 14, 1864. At the rate of 50 c per day – which is quite an item I want to see him get all that is due him there is not half the soldiers know what they are Entitled to and mustering officers + pay masters swindle them out of half of it - I want you to see if he gets what is due him it is worth looking after

I wish I was there I could watch those sharks that are stealing poor soldier wages--

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I would like to have got home just as George did and I would give any thing in the world to be to day on Helens place with you and George I think to myself some times what nice times I will have when I get back and go and visit Helen how I will Eat Butter and vegeatables and drink milk by the way this southern climate has made me a great lover of Butter milk It would astonish you to see me drink it I like it in preference to Sweet milk – I have written you a long letter this makes the 4th I have written to you since Our arrival here. You complain of my out writing regular I write to you in an average twice a week -- love to Helen Frank and all Friends. Write soon – Doc Lewis Capt James, Snark[[?]] Baker Smitha and all send their best to you and Geo Tell Geo Maj Williamson now Lt Col W - wishes to be remembered to him --Your Off son

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