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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

George W. Porter

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Co. C's. 1st Reg. 3^d Division,
17th Army Corps.

Picksburg N.Y. Oct. 28th 1863.

Dear Sister Frank;

I again resume my
pen to acknowledge the receipt of another
kind letter from you, which was perused
with much pleasure & interest. I assure
you. But I say, I think you might
spare the time to write to me of tenor
than you do. It is now going on ~~for~~
four months since I left home. And
I have received only two letters from
you. Something strange certainly has
happened. Do you say you like teaching.
I am pleased to know you are so well
satisfied. I think myself that Picky
Mollie, and I am sorry of it.
For she is an angel by the side of Lallie.
Lallie is good company, and when
this is said all is said. But Mollie

I think a perfect lady in every particular, and just as good company as any one need wish to meet with.

I think your associates are of the best class; I am pleased to know. I found friends in Clinton, and I was there such a short time, I hardly had time to form acquaintances of those I desired. I hope my circle of friends will increase in that vicinity. As for Miss Phares, I have learned since my return what she is thought of there. Had I known then what I do now, I would not have done as I did, but it is too late to mend the matter now. And as it goes for what it will fetch, I wish Mollie and some of the rest of my special friends understood this, I don't wish to be censured for that I am innocent of. You say you can look out of number one. (I am pleased to know this.) and that you don't ask any one to take you that has played out with you what

do you mean by this? I confess I don't perfectly understand you. Please explain this in your next. I expect the teachers of your school, have a gay time, I would like to meet you all again & shake hands. But no one knows what the future may bring forth. All I have to say in reference to your school is that I wish you all the success imaginable. You certainly are kept busy. If school is quite a school, I would like much to call & see you. But I guess it is impossible at present. I expect Mollie makes the chops hand around. Well he'd to not form such a habit, but to whip more and lead a life. You women are great for leading. Poorer generally are. I feel sorry for Stump. I know he must tire nearly to death. There in a lonely prison. I would like to write him. But I mean I hate the idea of my letters having to be inspected by a Re^l,

When you write him, give him
my kindest regards, and tell him
I would much like to see him, and
also to hear from him. I write to him
last, as I have written so often of
late I will close. My love to you
all, My best wishes & regards to
Mollie & Minnie, and please
remember our Sunday to Cal. ^{and} Valley
folks, also all other friends, write soon
and believe me ever your affection-
ate Brother!

G. W. Foster,



Miss S. P. Porter
Clinton Ill.

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October 28, 1863

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Clinton, Illinois

Hd Qrs 1st Brig 3d Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss Oct 28th 1863,

Dear Sister Frank,

I again resume my pen to acknowledge the receipt of another kind letter from you which was perused with much pleasure & interest I assure you. But, I say, I think you might spare the time to write me oftener than you do. It is now going on four months since I left home and I have received only 2 letters from you. Something strange certainly has happened.

For you say you like teaching. I am pleased to know you are so well satisfied. I think myself that Rickey, _____, Mollie and I am sorry of it, for she is an angel by the side of Sallie. Sallie is in good company and when this is said, all is said. But Mollie I think is a perfect lady in every particular and just as good company as anyone need wish to meet with. I think your associates are of the best class. I am pleased to know I have found friends in Clinton. For I was there such a short time I hardly had time to form acquaintances of those I desired.

I hope my circle of friends will increase in that vicinity. As for Miss Phares, I have learned since my return what she is thought of there. Had I known then what I do now, I would not have done as I did. But it is too late to mend the matter now and let it go for what it will fetch. I wish Mollie and some of the rest of my special friends understood this. I don't want to be censured for that I am innocent of.

You say you can look out of number one. I am pleased to know this and that you don't ask anyone to take you. That has played out with you. What do you mean by this? I confess I don't perfectly understand you. Please explain this in your next. I expect the teacher of your school have a gay time. I would like to meet you all again & hope to. But no one knows what the future might bring forth. All I have to say in reference to your school is that I wish you all the success imaginable.

You certainly are busy. 89 scholars is quite a school. I would like much to call & see you. But I guess it is impossible at present. I expect Mollie makes the chaps stand around. Tell her to not form such a habit but to _____ more and scold us. For you women are great for scolding. Women generally are.

I feel sorry for Sump. I know he must tire nearly to death. There in a lonely prison. I would like to write him, but I mean I can hate the idea of my letters being inspected by a "Reb."

When you write him, give him my kindest regards and tell him I should much like to see him and also to hear from him. I wrote to him last. As I have written so often of late I will close. My love to you all. My best wishes and regards to Mollie and Minnie. Also please remember me kindly to Col Kelly's folks Also all other friends. Write soon and believe me your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter