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Savannah,
June 9th 1874

Col. Ketchum Falconer

My dear Mayor,

Some 18 days ago I received a note from you asking if there was not a Typographical error in your statement of the strength of the army of Tennessee at different times from May 11th to July 10th. printed on pages 574-5 of my "Narrative." viz: if the report, the words beginning the 6th paragraph should not be no report.

I replied immediately that you were correct - that I had observed the mistake and pointed it out to the publisher.

In writing to me in relation to that statement a year ago, you mentioned that soon after the loss of Atlanta you had, by gen^l Hood's direction, made

Remember Me
Most cordially to
your Mother

a similar statement for him.
Have you a copy of that statement?
If so, will you tell me how much
it differs from that you made for me
at Greensboro'?

Gen^l Hood is publishing a series
of attacks. I think I'll try to point
out the absurdity of his figures. And
the difference between the authority
of your records and statements, and
the figures he has gotten ^{up} nine years
after the army ceased to exist.

Having heard of no publication
of yours, I think it possible, in the
uncertainty of our mails, that you
may not have received my reply.
Please inform me. And if you have
made a publication and can get a
copy, do send me one.

If you can find Jackson's (cavalry) effec-
tive total June 10th, do give it to me. I am
sure that there is a mistake of a thousand in that
of June 10th. It is 4500 that day, 73500 July 15th & 10th.
total present same on all. Yours Truly
J. E. M. Ston