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Cokesbury, Apr. 19th, 1863.

Dear Uncle,

We prized very highly your kind letter of recent date. We had thought you for some time indifferent, you knew the address of the family, yours was unknown, which precluded the possibility of ^{our} writing. Had I known your address I would long since have written.

Since November my Regiment has been in S. Carolina, whither we went from Winchester, Va.

My health was greatly impaired by the campaign in Va & Md last summer, and I am now ⁱⁿ furlough at home in consequence thereof. Limestone ^{water} disagrees with me.

- Producing Diarrhoea, & deranging
greatly my digestive organs. The Diarrhoea
has assumed in my case almost a
chronic form, but I hope soon to
be well of it.

My Regt- came to Charleston on the 12th
but will probably return to N &
soon. You & every Carolinian
must be proud of our success at
C, whether it be partial or final.
I anticipate a very active campaign
between now & winter, & am rather
of the opinion that Kentucky & Tenn-
essees will be the decisive battlegrounds
of the war. We have there to contend
with certainly the most successful,
if not the ablest, general of the
enemy. The great Northwest too
must necessarily at this juncture, be
satisfied as ^{far} possible. I would

advise you to look somewhat to
your interests in Mississippi, but
of course you can judge better what
ought to be done than I.

If the enemy have accomplished
nothing since last spring, & if
we can effectually ^{keep} him until
winter the prospect for peace will,
I think, be good.

The food question has assumed a serious
aspect, & deserves the consideration of
our authorities civil & military.

Speculation is rife, & the sums which
are being amassed perfectly fabulous.

Oh that we could place these vile
scoundrels in the ranks. It is to be
hoped that posterity will place a mark
upon them, & that the fruits of their
illgotten ~~gotten~~ gains may be bitter.

Mr Barr will leave here on the 21st

inst with Mrs. A. Barr for Miss.

He thinks northern Miss safe, unless a grand movement be made in that direction.

If you find yourself in pressing want of a Quartermaster or Commissary, just inform me, as I am growing a little tired of the fighting part, but I am, like yourself, as fully resolved to fight it - but as yourself.

The family join me in the warmest expressions of regard for yourself, Edwin & George. We wish also to be kindly remembered to aunt Sue. Wes is in the cavalry - Hampton's Brigade. He is a hard old case. Write soon, but expect no compensatory letter, as I am a poor letter writer.

Your aff nephew, H. J. Norwood.

W. J. Norwood



Col. Hugh R. Miller,
42^d Miss. Regt.
Franklin,
Va.